



Crime and Disorder Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

Members of the Committee

Councillors: J Furey (Chair), N Prescott (Vice-Chair), A Balkan, T Burton, T Gates, L Gillham, A King, S Lewis and M Singh

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List of matters for consideration

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Part I

Matters in respect of which reports have been made available for public inspection

1. **Notification of Changes to Committee Membership**

2. **Minutes**

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To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 October 2023.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable and non-registrable interests in items on the agenda.

5. **Policing Update**

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6. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Part II

Matters involving exempt or confidential information in respect of which reports have not been made available for public inspection.

No reports to be considered.

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Members of the Committee present: Councillors N Prescott (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), A Balkan, T Burton, T Gates, L Gillham, E Kettle, A King, S Lewis and J Wilson (In place of J Furey).

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors J Furey (Chairman).

In attendance: Councillors S Jenkins.

6 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

8 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

9 Policing Update

The borough commander began by emphasising the Surrey PCC's police & crime plan for 2021-25. A committee member felt there was an inconsistency in violence against women and girls being a priority and yet misogyny was not currently considered a hate crime. The borough commander advised that whilst this would be considered within the factors of the motivations of a crime, the criteria was set by home office guidelines and any changes would require national lobbying under political means.

A committee member felt there had been a sharp rise in driveway obstructions since the pandemic, combined with abusive behaviour when challenged by the occupants. This was particularly prevalent in the vicinity of schools during drop off and pick up times. It was advised that preventing a resident from leaving their driveway was a police matter and would be deployed to where resources allowed, whilst prevention of gaining access to a driveway was a council matter.

Preventative work and addressing the culture was key to the police's response to such matters, and it was advised residents should call 101 or utilise the online chat as it was happening to report such issues.

The borough priorities would be changing prior to the next meeting of the committee in line with the new chief constable's priorities, with a likely focus on crimes targeting businesses.

The borough's crime statistics revealed a large increase in robbery, primarily due to a sharp increase in the Egham area and had resulted in a number of individuals being arrested and charged. The slight increase in adult abuse reflected a national trend, and the police were working closely with Adult Social Care on ways to intervene.

A member was keen to find out more about the impact of modern slavery in Runnymede,

and the borough commander advised that this went across multiple areas. A modern slavery team existed within the borough, and the borough commander would provide more detail on modern slavery at the next committee.

Despite a downward trend in antisocial behaviour, the borough commander felt this continued to be an under-reported offence and urged members to encourage residents to report it to help the police understand the bigger picture and plan patrols accordingly. A committee member highlighted that such under-reporting might be down to concerns about retaliation, to which the borough commander confirmed that any reports would not be shared more widely, whilst if members felt able to share specific information or locations the police would consider making discreet enquiries to follow the matter up. Reporting to Crimestoppers was also an option.

Brox Road remained the only antisocial behaviour hotspot in the borough, and work was ongoing on what was a very specific issue, whilst car rallies remained an issue in the Thorpe Industrial Estate. The police response was initially to send participants a warning letter, and if that was ignored a community protection warning would be issued. Continuing to report issues to police would improve intelligence on where and when to patrol.

Shoplifting offences had significantly increased both in Runnymede and nationally, and the police worked with the shops concerned to utilise CCTV, whilst patrol patterns could be connected to trends. Safer Business Action Week would be taking place the following week that would have a strong focus on crime prevention.

The borough commander acknowledged that part of the issues around shoplifting was down to the cost of living, and some of the outcomes available would not criminalise people, whilst any root cause to offending would also attempt to be established and addressed. The borough commander would look into a breakdown of the types of items being stolen and whether they were considered basic essentials or the more commonly prevalent types of items being stolen such as meat and alcohol. In response to a member's question the borough commander advised that members of the public should not put themselves at risk in attempting to deal with an offender, particularly when CCTV footage is obtainable.

The borough commander confirmed to a member that the police had seen an increase in calls to mental health crises, including section 136 that gave police powers to take a person from a public place to a place of safety. Such incidents involve the police remaining with those concerned for an average of eight hours. It was hoped that the introduction of the Right Person Right Care model – not yet available in Surrey – would lessen the time police spend dealing with such cases.

The Committee thanked the borough commander for his attendance.

(The meeting ended at 8.02 pm.)

Chairman

Runnymede Policing Update (Surrey Police – Inspector Ian Nash)

Synopsis of report:

To receive a report on policing in Runnymede (attached at Appendix A) provided by Surrey Police.

Recommendation:

None. This report is for information only.

1. Context of report

- 1.1 For the Committee to receive its regular policing update from Surrey Police.

2. Report

- 2.1 Inspector Ian Nash would have just started in the role of Runnymede's Borough Commander at the time of the committee. Whilst the most recent statistics and data for the borough are included in the usual format at Appendix A, Insp Nash will primarily be briefing the committee on his plan for the borough going forward.

(For information)

Background Papers

None

Runnymede Crime and Disorder Committee

1st February 2024



Introduction

Borough Commander – Inspector 3903 Ian Nash



Previous experience – response, intelligence, counter-terrorism, roads policing, neighbourhoods.

Our future in line with the new Code of Ethics. Three principles of courage, respect & empathy, and public service.

Police & Crime Plan 2021 - 2025

- Preventing violence against women and girls in Surrey.
- Protecting people from harm in Surrey.
- Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe.
- Strengthen relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents.
- Ensuring safer Surrey roads.

Borough Priorities

- Tackling anti-social behaviour.
- Preventing violence against women and girls.
- Targeting high harm and persistent offenders.
- Preventing burglaries.
- Road safety.



Crime Statistics in Runnymede

Total Offences: Runnymede: -209 (-3.2%) / Surrey: +1756 (+2.3%)

Recorded crime: Current period: 23-Jan-23 to 22-Jan-24 compared to previous period: 23-Jan-22 to 22-Jan-23

Division	North			
Categories	Current	Previous	Change	%age
TNO	6,388	6,597	-209	↓ -3.2%
Domestic abuse	944	1,005	-61	↓ -6.1%
High harm	1,252	1,288	-36	↓ -2.8%
Violent DA	764	804	-40	↓ -5.0%
Violence with injury DA	213	206	7	↑ 3.4%
Violence without injury DA	551	598	-47	↓ -7.9%
Hate crime	240	216	24	↑ 11.1%
Serious sexual	169	170	-1	↓ -0.6%
Rape	72	69	3	↑ 4.3%
Child abuse	158	135	23	↑ 17.0%
Robbery	36	39	-3	↓ -7.7%
Adult abuse	51	75	-24	↓ -32.0%
Burglary - residential	189	185	4	↑ 2.2%
Burglary - business and community	73	65	8	↑ 12.3%
Violent Non-DA	2,275	2,440	-165	↓ -6.8%



Crime Outcomes in Runnymede

Total Solved: Runnymede: -68 (-0.6%) / Surrey: -234 (-2.9%)

Solved outcomes - Outcome 1-8 (exc. 5), 10 and validated 22: Current period: 23-Jan-23 to 22-Jan-24 compared to previous period: 23-Jan-22 to 22-Jan-23

Division Categories	North							
	Current	Previous	Change	%age	Current	Previous	Rate Change	
TNO	819	887	-68	↓ -7.7%	12.8%	13.4%	↓ -0.6%	
Domestic abuse	156	124	32	↑ 25.8%	16.5%	12.3%	↑ 4.2%	
High harm	178	157	21	↑ 13.4%	14.2%	12.2%	↑ 2.0%	
Violent DA	123	103	20	↑ 19.4%	16.1%	12.8%	↑ 3.3%	
Violence with injury DA	54	34	20	↑ 58.8%	25.4%	16.5%	↑ 8.8%	
Violence without injury DA	69	69	0	▬ 0.0%	12.5%	11.5%	↑ 1.0%	
Hate crime	39	35	4	↑ 11.4%	16.3%	16.2%	↑ 0.0%	
Serious sexual	10	10	0	▬ 0.0%	5.9%	5.9%	↑ 0.0%	
Rape	3	5	-2	↓ -40.0%	4.2%	7.2%	↓ -3.1%	
Child abuse	17	16	1	↑ 6.3%	10.8%	11.9%	↓ -1.1%	
Robbery	11	3	8	↑ 266.7%	30.6%	7.7%	↑ 22.9%	
Adult abuse	2	1	1	↑ 100.0%	3.9%	1.3%	↑ 2.6%	
Burglary - residential	6	18	-12	↓ -66.7%	3.2%	9.7%	↓ -6.6%	
Burglary - business and community	4	5	-1	↓ -20.0%	5.5%	7.7%	↓ -2.2%	
Violent Non-DA	249	299	-50	↓ -16.7%	10.9%	12.3%	↓ -1.3%	



Runnymede

Suspicious Activity Reporting

Do you have the missing puzzle pieces we need?

We're asking Runnymede residents to be the eyes of our community and to submit any video footage and images they have that might be connected to thefts and burglaries in the area. This may be in the form of photos, CCTV, dashcam or doorbell footage.

We live in a digital age where so much material is captured every day, and we want to be able to use it to make Runnymede a safer place.

Although realistically we may not be able to identify every person in a piece of footage, especially if they have a face covering, every clip helps with our understanding of the bigger burglary picture in your area.

Follow this link to read more and to upload your footage and images:
<https://www.surrey.police.uk/suspiciousactivityportal>





Runnymede

Street Safe

Do you feel unsafe in the areas you are living in or visiting?

We are asking for the public to report the areas that they feel unsafe in to help us deliver a better environment for the residents of Runnymede.

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name (anonymously). This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Help us to help you by enabling us to tackle issues that matter to you most.

This mechanism is not to be used for reporting crime and this should be done via the usual channels of 999, 101 or online.



How To Contact Us



101 or 999 in an emergency



www.surrey.police.uk



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CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime

