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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 December 2019</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership - Proposed Governance Arrangements</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline a proposal to the Inverclyde Alliance Board in respect of proposed governance changes to the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 The report will highlight the current governance arrangements for the community safety partnership in Inverclyde and set out the proposals including the creation of a single strategy for community safety in Inverclyde.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Changes to governance arrangements in respect of community planning in Inverclyde in 2018 led to the creation of the Community Safety Strategy Group (Strategy Group) following the removal of the former Single Outcome Agreement groups.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group oversees community safety related activity in Inverclyde and reports to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on an annual basis in addition to any items the Inverclyde Alliance refers to the Strategy Group. The Strategy Group has responsibility over the Community Safety Co-ordinating Group and Violence Against Women Multi-agency Partnership and their associated working groups.
- 2.3 Working to previous governance arrangements, there are two separate strategic documents currently in operation (2017-22 Violence Against Women Strategy and Community Safety Strategic Assessment) which are progressed by the Violence Against Women Multi-agency Partnership and Community Safety Co-ordinating Group respectively.
- 2.4 In order to ensure a streamlined approach, it will be recommended to create one overall strategic document and one overall reporting structure under the strategic group to ensure continued relevancy within the Inverclyde Alliance structure.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Inverclyde Alliance Board:

- a. Notes the intention of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group to seek approval from the Inverclyde Alliance Board to review its governance arrangements.
- b. Notes the intention of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group to seek approval of the Inverclyde Alliance Board to create “Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-2022- Making Inverclyde Safer”.
- c. Agrees to the proposed governance arrangements as outlined throughout Section 6.
- d. Agrees to the proposed timetable as outlined at Section 7.1.

**Aubrey Fawcett**  
**Chair of Programme Board**  
**Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 As part of the review of the previous Single Outcome Agreement and the development of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan the structure for the delivery of the community planning in Inverclyde has changed.
- 4.2 The Inverclyde Alliance Board at its meeting on 19 March 2018 approved new governance and delivery arrangements for community planning and the delivery of the LOIP in Inverclyde. Prior to the new governance arrangements for community planning, community safety reported to a previous Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) outcome delivery group with responsibility for a number of functions including community safety.
- 4.3 In January 2018 a development day was held by community safety partners to prepare a new community safety strategic assessment as well as consideration of a possible future structure of community safety arrangements in Inverclyde. During April and May 2018 a series of meetings were held with Alliance partners to consider the structure of the community safety partnership within Inverclyde.
- 4.4 Partners agreed that there was a need for a continuation of a Community Safety Partnership in Inverclyde and identified a requirement of a senior officers group with overall responsibility for community safety arrangements in Inverclyde in addition to a clear structure of sub-groups relating to community safety matters. In June 2018 the first meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group (Strategy Group) met to agree the 'Terms of Reference' (ToR) which are appended for information (appendix 1)
- 4.5 The ToR document sets out the activity of the SG, and highlights the relationship between the Inverclyde Alliance and the various sub-groups within the overall partnership structure.
- 4.6 The Strategy Group is made up of a number of Inverclyde Alliance partners with representation from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, the Scottish Ambulance Service, Inverclyde Housing Association Forum, Your Voice Inverclyde and CVS Inverclyde. The Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang of Police Scotland.

## **5.0 CURRENT GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 5.1 Currently the Strategy Group meets twice per year and receives updates from two sub-groups, any ongoing community safety issues relative to Inverclyde and any issues referred by the Inverclyde Alliance Board.
- 5.2 In respect of the two sub-groups the Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group (Co-ordinating Group) and is the delivery group for the community safety strategic assessment and associated improvement action plan; this group is currently chaired by Hugh Scott of Inverclyde Council. The violence against women multi-agency partnership (VAWMAP) is the strategic delivery group of the violence against women strategy for Inverclyde; this group is currently chaired by Jane Cantley of Inverclyde HSCP.
- 5.3 The Co-ordinating Group created a Community Safety Strategic Assessment which sets out key activities around reducing violence, crime and disorder, reducing unintentional harm and promoting community resilience. An associated improvement action has also been created with key improvements including the introduction of the 'Improving Inverclyde Initiative' and key activity around fire safety.
- 5.4 The Violence Against Women Multi-agency Partnership Strategy sets out four strategic priorities:
- Communities in Inverclyde embrace equality and mutual respect, and reject all forms of violence against women and girls;

- Women and girls in Inverclyde thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically;
- Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people; and
- Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.

An associated improvement action has also been created with key improvements and this was presented at the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 7 October 2019.

## **6.0 PROPOSED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 6.1 In order to ensure robust annual reporting and appropriate governance of the sub-groups, it is proposed to create a single community safety strategy for Inverclyde. The proposed document will be known as “Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-2022- Making Inverclyde Safer”. The proposed timeframe (section 7) fits with the expiry of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- 6.2 A development session for the Strategy Group is scheduled for January 2020 and will confirm the strategic priorities to be contained within the community safety strategy for Inverclyde. It is anticipated the strategic priorities will link into national Scottish Government priorities, the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan (2017-2022), Police Scotland Inverclyde Area Plan (2017-2020) and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service local fire and rescue plan for Inverclyde (2017-2020).
- 6.3 In order to ensure regular scrutiny of the strategic priorities contained within the community safety strategy and continued scrutiny of the sub-groups, the current ToR document will be reviewed.
- 6.4 There is no proposed change to an annual update being provided to the Inverclyde Alliance Board nor the current relationship between the Strategy Group and Inverclyde Alliance Board.
- 6.5 In order to progress this work a short term working group will be created comprising the following membership:
- CSP Strategy Group Chair
  - CSP Co-ordinating Group Chair
  - VAWMAP Chair
  - Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager
  - Community Safety & Resilience Team Leader (Inverclyde Council)
  - Community Safety Lead Officer (Inverclyde Council)
  - Community Safety Partnership Analyst (Inverclyde Council)

This short term working group will progress the proposals as identified above and provide appropriate feedback to the Inverclyde Alliance Board, Strategy Group and LOIP Programme Board.

## **7.0 PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

- 7.1 Subject to Inverclyde Alliance approval the following timetable is proposed:
- 09/12/2019- Submission of proposal to Inverclyde Alliance Board regarding new governance arrangements and creation of a single strategy for Inverclyde.
  - 08/01/2020- Meeting of Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group to agree governance arrangements and confirmation of strategic priorities.
  - 16/03/2020- Update to Inverclyde Alliance Board confirming governance arrangements and strategic priorities.

- 15/06/2020- Submission of “Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-2022- Making Inverclyde Safer”.
- 05/10/2020- Annual update report of “Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-2022- Making Inverclyde Safer”.

## 8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 **Legal:** None

**Finance:** none at present

**Human Resources:** none at present

**Equality and Diversity:** Ongoing to ensure protected groups are not adversely impact in relation to community safety issues.

**Repopulation:** Engaging local people to ensure that they feel and are safe is a key aim of the CSP

**Inequalities:** The strategic assessment will focus on tackling inequalities in the areas experiencing the greatest inequality of outcome.

## 9.0 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 None

## 10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board 19 March 2018: LOIP Governance and Delivery Structure  
 Inverclyde Alliance Board 1 October 2018: National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland  
 LOIP Programme Board 8 Feb 2019: Community Safety- Violence Reduction Initiative  
 Inverclyde Alliance Board 18 March 2019: Community Safety and violence prevention initiative  
 LOIP Programme Board 10 May 2019: Community Safety and Violence Reduction Progress Report  
 Inverclyde Alliance Board 17 June 2019: Community Safety and Violence Reduction Initiative Update.  
 Inverclyde Programme Board 16 August 2019: Community Safety Partnership (LOIP Programme Board) 16 August 2019  
 Inverclyde Alliance Board 7 October 2019: Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Update  
 Inverclyde Alliance Board 7 October 2019: Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership Update



Inverclyde Alliance

## Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership



### TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group**

June 2019

## Purpose

The Community Planning Partnership vision for Inverclyde is:

### **‘Nurturing Inverclyde: Getting it right for every Child, Citizen and Community’**

This means that the Alliance will work in partnership to create a confident, inclusive Inverclyde with safe and sustainable, healthy, nurtured communities, and a thriving, prosperous economy, with active citizens who are resilient, respected and responsible and able to make a positive contribution to the area.

As part of the Nurturing Inverclyde approach, the Inverclyde Alliance, are focussing on achieving wellbeing outcomes for our communities, which have been adapted from Getting it Right for Every Child. The seven wellbeing outcomes have been expanded so that they include all our citizens and communities in Inverclyde but specifically in relation to community safety, we want all our children, citizens and communities to be:

***Safe-** Protected from abuse, neglect or harm and supported when at risk. Enabled to understand and take responsibility for actions and choices. Having access to a safe environment to live and learn in.*

The Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership sits under the wider umbrella of the Inverclyde Alliance and is made up of several groups to provide effective links between strategic direction and co-ordinated partnership planning, to ensure that the outcomes set out in the Inverclyde Outcome Improvement Plan (OIP) are delivered.

The purpose of **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** is to work towards the achievement of the following OIP priority outcomes:

***Population-** Inverclyde’s population will be stable and sustainable with an appropriate balance of socio-economic groups that is conducive to local economic prosperity and longer term population growth.*

***Inequalities-** There will be low levels of poverty and deprivation and the gap in income and health between the richest and poorest members of our communities will be reduced.*

***Environment, Culture and Heritage-** Inverclyde’s environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place in which to live, work and visit.*

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** will specifically deliver on community safety activity across Inverclyde with scrutiny of activities

## Membership

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** comprises of a wide range of partners and membership as at June 2019 is drawn from the following organisations:

Name	Title	Organisation
Derek Lang	Superintendent (CSP Strategy Group Chair)	Police Scotland
Tony McEwan	Head of Service	Inverclyde Council
Martin McNab	Head of Service	Inverclyde Council
Sharon McAleese or Deborah Gillespie	Head of Service	Inverclyde HSCP
Emma Cummings	Primary Care Lead	Inverclyde HSCP
David McCarrey	Group Manager	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Lynne Griffin Nick Jardine Paul McVey Kevin Scarlett	Rolling group attendance.	Inverclyde Housing Association Forum
Miriam McKenna	Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager	Inverclyde Council
Karen Haldane	Executive Officer	Your Voice
Ian Bruce	Executive Officer	CVS Inverclyde
Hugh Scott	Chair	Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group
Jane Cantley	Chair	Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership

## Remit

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** will:

1. Set the priorities and objectives for community safety **activities** in Inverclyde.
2. Providing localised responses in relation to national community safety priorities especially the promotion of the Scottish Government *Building Safer Communities* Programme.
3. Monitor progress on the outcomes to be achieved in respect of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.
4. Monitor progress on the outcomes to be achieved in respect of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Strategy.
5. Scrutinise/support the work of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Groups and its associated working groups.
6. Scrutinise/support the work of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership and its associated working groups.
7. Contribute to the delivery of the Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan, relevant partnerships and locality plans.



8. Monitor and provide feedback in respect of partnership action contributing to the delivery of the 'Inverclyde Local Fire & Rescue Service Plan' and 'Inverclyde Local Police Plan'.
9. Provide feedback in relation to Community Safety activity in Inverclyde to the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

### **Meetings**

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** will be chaired by **SUPERINTENDENT DEREK LANG (POLICE SCOTLAND)**. The Chair will act as the link between this group and the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

Meetings will be held on a twice yearly basis (January and June).

### **Responsibilities of Group Members**

Members of the **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** will commit to:

- Attend all scheduled meetings of the **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** and/or nominate a suitable proxy and/or nominate a proxy of appropriate management grade relative to the group;
- Participate in open and honest discussions;
- Share information on any new developments that could potentially impact on the successful delivery of the **community safety related activity in the Inverclyde area**.
- Represent the work of the group within your own organisation;

### **Reporting**

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** has a responsibility to compile, at a minimum, an annual report in respect of the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment and any other relevant progress report to coincide with the schedule of the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

The **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP** will be represented by the Chair at the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

### **Review**

These Terms of Reference will be updated on an annual basis. The next update is due in **JUNE 2020**.