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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b> 17 June 2019
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Safety &amp; Violence Reduction Initiative – Update</b>	

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Partnership on the development of an area based Community Safety & Violence Reduction Initiative in Inverclyde.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

2.1 At its meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Inverclyde Alliance agreed to develop a Community Safety & Violence Reduction Initiative which will make a significant contribution towards delivery of the National Performance Framework, the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-22 and the Local Police Plan for Inverclyde.

2.2 A working group was established to progress development of the Community Safety & Violence Reduction Initiative and a clear working model has been developed. Subject to Inverclyde Alliance approval it is proposed that the initiative be branded as 'Improving Inverclyde - A Community Safety Initiative' and that the initiative is delivered and evaluated within the undernoted timescales.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. agrees to brand the initiative as 'Improving Inverclyde - A Community Safety Initiative';
- b. notes the inclusion of the national Violence Reduction Unit as a Partner;
- c. delivers the initiative, through the Community Safety Partnership, over a 9 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, including engagement, delivery and evaluation.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Following community consultation and the completion of a strategic assessment, the Community Safety Partnership has set out 3 overarching strategic priorities for 2018/19 and these are Reducing Violence, Crime and Disorder; Reducing Unintentional Harm and Injury; and Promoting Community Resilience. Currently, the majority of responses to violence, anti-social behaviour and disorder are reactive and Police led, with preventative work taking place in school settings through the delivery of initiatives such as Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and No Knives Better Lives (NKBL).
- 4.2 Whilst such responses and initiatives undoubtedly make a contribution to reducing violence, crime and disorder, the recent delivery and success of a multi-agency approach in Renfrewshire warranted consideration for a learning and improvement opportunity for subsequent development and delivery within Inverclyde. Project evaluation information from Police Scotland and information from Renfrewshire Council has been used to inform the development of the proposed area based Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative in Inverclyde through the Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.3 Following approval from the Inverclyde Alliance at its Board meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to progress the development of a Community Safety & Violence Reduction Initiative, the lead partners discussed the intended outcomes and legacy benefit and set out an action plan for delivery.
- 4.4 The Violence Reduction Unit has agreed to join the multi-agency delivery group and will provide expertise, guidance and evaluation of the initiative. A community engagement strategy will be developed, as will a communication strategy. The governance arrangements for the group have been agreed within existing structures of the Community Safety Partnership, reporting ultimately to the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

The identification of an area will be based on the triple criteria of crime statistics, SIMD outcomes and existing community engagement and capacity. This task will be undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership relative to LOIP Locality Areas, factoring in LOIP priorities and Local Policing priorities.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the initiative be delivered under the brand 'Improving Inverclyde' and that a communications strategy be developed to promote and support delivery.
- 5.2 It is proposed that the initiative be delivered in four key stages to ensure appropriate lead in timescales for the key stages;

Stage 1, Community Engagement – June 2019  
Stage 2, Listen and Prepare – July 2019  
Stage 3, Operational Delivery – August-December 2019  
Stage 4, Review and Evaluate – January 2020

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal:  
There are no legal implications and the initiative will be delivered within existing legislative frameworks.
- 6.2 Finance:  
There is no direct spend associated with delivery of the initiative, outwith the existing budgets of partner organisations. In the long term it is expected that successful delivery will lead to budget savings on a preventative spend basis.

- 6.3 Human Resources:  
There are no Human Resource implications.
- 6.4 Equality and Diversity:  
An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and previously approved by the Inverclyde Alliance Board.
- 6.5 Repopulation:  
Delivery of a violence reduction initiative, which engages and involves the community, makes our communities safer and addresses fear of crime within communities. The legacy benefit from the initiative will make our communities stronger and more resilient and this contributes to a stable population and makes Inverclyde an attractive place for people to relocate to.
- 6.6 Inequalities:  
An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and previously approved by the Inverclyde Alliance Board.
- 7.0 CONSULTATIONS**
- 7.1 Community consultation forms the backbone of the initiative and an appropriate period for pre and post-initiative community consultation has been included. Delivery partners have been consulted through their membership of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership.
- 8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board 18 March 2019: Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative.