
Report To:	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee	Date:	21 February 2019
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Subject:	Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on current work within the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy Group.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The CSP Strategy Group is the lead group for community safety in Inverclyde with an aim to coordinate and scrutinise related activity across the authority area. The CSP Strategy Group was created in 2018 following the introduction of the Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan and changes to the delivery of community planning in Inverclyde.

2.2 The CSP Strategy Group is made up of representatives from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Inverclyde Registered Social Landlords, Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, The Scottish Ambulance Service, CVS Inverclyde and Your Voice Inverclyde. The CSP Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang, Police Scotland (Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division).

2.3 The CSP Strategy Group met on 22 January 2019 and an update from that meeting is noted in section 4.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes the information contained within the report from the CSP Strategy Group of 22 January 2019, detailed in section 5.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of the review of the Single Outcome Agreement and the development of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan, the structure for the delivery of the Community Planning Partnership has changed. Following feedback from partners it was also agreed to try to reduce the number of groups dealing with Community Planning outcomes and priorities.
- 4.2 The CSP Strategy Group is the lead group for community safety in Inverclyde. Its governance structure has two sub-groups below known as 'Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership' and 'Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group'. A number of working groups also exist with a combination of issue-based groups and short term multi-agency tasking and co-ordinating groups.
- 4.3 The CSP Strategy Group is made up of representatives from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Inverclyde Registered Social Landlords, Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, The Scottish Ambulance Service, CVS Inverclyde and Your Voice Inverclyde. The CSP Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang, Police Scotland (Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division). The chairs of the 'Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership' and 'Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group' also attend to provide regular updates on group activity.

5.0 CSP STRATEGY GROUP 22 JANUARY 2019

- 5.1 A joint report by Police Scotland and Inverclyde Council regarding a partnership community safety and violence prevention initiative was discussed. The report proposes a locality-based Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative in Inverclyde to bring together community safety partners and the community where there are issues around violence, crime and disorder. The CSP has recommended that the initiative is promoted via the Inverclyde Alliance Board for endorsement.
- 5.2 A report by Inverclyde Council advises of the end period of the 2014-2018 Inverclyde Anti-social Behaviour Strategy. The CSP Strategy Group accepted recommendations that the current Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment identifies that anti-social behaviour remains a high priority for communities across Inverclyde and does not need a standalone strategy.
- 5.3 A report regarding the Scottish National Missing Persons Framework was remitted to the group by the Inverclyde Alliance Board. The CSP Strategy Group approved the formation of a short-term working group involving partners from the Community Safety Partnership and representation from the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee and Inverclyde Adult Protection Committee
- 5.4 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership provided updates in relation to:
 - A number of key guidance documents are currently being updated by the MAP to reflect recent national policy development. These include: Domestic Abuse Guidance, Domestic Abuse Protocol, Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence (HBV) Guidance, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Guidance.
 - Inverclyde Council will be participating in the Equally Safe at Work Accreditation Programme as Shadow Council. The programme will support employers to enhance their policies and practices which are key to addressing the barriers that women face at work. The programme will also enable employers to better support employees who have experienced gender-based violence, and work towards creating an inclusive workplace culture that prevents violence against women.
 - Discussions have taken place at MAP meetings regarding opportunities to

engage more closely with the Citizens' Panel. This would allow us to engage with a cross section of the community in Inverclyde to assess the level of awareness of issues of Violence Against Women.

5.5 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group provided updates in relation to:

- An update regarding planning arrangements for the period leading up to and including the 5 November was discussed. A final report is due soon, and at the request of the CSP Strategy Group Chair the 2019 planning meeting will be held in Springtime to progress issues.
- An update regarding the Fire Safety Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating (MATAC) Group was provided. There have been ongoing engagements around providing fire safety training to key staff groups who, as part of their employment, work and support vulnerable individuals such as care staff and housing staff. The MATAC will also work with the Adult Protection Committee following recent fatalities to identify other learning opportunities.
- In respect of water safety, following a fatality in Renfrewshire, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Community Safety analyst conducted a study to identify bodies of water across Inverclyde where there have been reported incidents to Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. It has been suggested that a small task group is established, initially comprising membership from SFRS, Inverclyde Council and HM Coastguard to identify all bodies of water across Inverclyde where there is a risk that people may enter and for the partnership to complete a risk assessment. Additionally, SFRS will be visiting all secondary schools across Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire to promote water safety.

5.6 The representative from SFRS provided further update in respect of fire safety advising of the approach to home fire safety visits (HFSV) and the opportunities to engage with isolated people and 'at risk' people. Due to an increase in the distribution of fire retardant bedding, Inverclyde Council will provide funding to SFRS to purchase additional bedding and look at other opportunities for funding.

5.7 The CSP Strategy Group will next meet in June 2019.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With effect from	Annual net impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

6.3 Human Resources

This report does not impact on Human Resources.

6.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.5 Repopulation

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 There are no background papers.