
Report To: Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee **Date:** 19 September 2019

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Subject: Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership update report (September 2019)

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 and coordinates and scrutinises community safety-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 5 June 2019 and an update from that meeting is provided in section 5 of this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes the report.

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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 Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy Group is the lead group for community safety in Inverclyde. Its governance structure has two sub groups: 'Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership' and 'Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group'. A number of working groups also exist with a combination of issue-based groups and short term multiagency tasking and coordinating 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 Coordinating Group' also attend to provide regular updates of group activity.

5.0 UPDATE FROM CSP STRATEGY GROUP 5 JUNE 2019

- 5.1 The following items were discussed:

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 bringing together community safety partners and the community where there are issues around violence, crime and disorder. The multi-agency delivery group will recommend to the Inverclyde Alliance Board that the initiative be called 'Improving Inverclyde - A Community Safety Initiative'. The report also highlighted the inclusion of the Violence Reduction Unit as a partner.

- 5.2 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership which provided an update on the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, particularly the introduction of the offence of coercive controlling behaviour and provided an update regarding the delivery of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme in Inverclyde.

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- 5.3 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group provided updates in relation to:

- operational activity around the multi-agency approach to large-scale youth gatherings;
- progress in the completion of an Inverclyde Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. The previous strategy expired in 2018 and there is a legal requirement under the Anti-Social Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 for local authorities and Police Scotland to jointly prepare a strategy for the authority area; and
- an update on the roll-out of fire safety training to Inverclyde HSCP home care staff across the authority area. The representative from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service advised that this covered 400 staff and as a result here has been an increase in home fire safety visits from home care staff.

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- 5.4 A report by the CSP Strategy Group chair regarding the annual update of the CSP Strategy Group Terms of Reference and agreement on the content of an annual report to the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

- 5.5 Updates from group members also included:

- the current work of Public Health Scotland, the new national public health body, and the close links with community safety;
- the significant challenges of fire and safety issues in Clune Park and a recent multi-agency meeting to consider these challenges;
- That the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) would be meeting with all elected members of Inverclyde Council to discuss the role of SAS in Inverclyde.

5.6 The CSP Strategy Group will next meet in February 2020.

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?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	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.