

Community Safety Forum Links, Partnership and Reporting

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update and inform the LACPG as to the status and membership of the Local Community Safety Forums, and to outline where these lie in relation to other groups such as LACPG and the Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members:

- 2.1 Note the current status of the CSFs in their Area
- 2.2 Agree to acknowledge the Community Safety Forums as a key strategic partner
- 2.3 Agree to accept reports for consideration from the Community Safety Forum as appropriate.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Forums in each area

Each of the four administrative areas of the Council have at least one Community Safety Forum (Bute and Cowal have one each) The Nature of the work of the various Community Safety forums is outlined in the Argyll and Bute Community Safety Strategy. This strategy is currently undergoing a minor update to in order to maintain its close links to the objectives of the current Single Outcome Agreement and the new Community Plan.

Each CSF focuses its efforts in the immediate area and previous initiatives in the areas supported by the various forums have included Experiential Learning events, water safety events and production of appropriate leaflets etc.

Each local CSF meets quarterly –more often if there is a specific need. It has been proposed that going forward, Community Safety Forum Meetings could be timed to allow more timeous feedback to LACPGs. Opportunities for this will be investigated and where possible meetings will be arranged to facilitate this.

3.2 Who Attends

The Community Safety Forums are open to all interested parties. They are well attended by Elected Members and partners with large community safety component to their remit e.g., Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Coastguard, Housing Associations etc. Certain Council Officers such as Emergency Planning, Environmental health (regulatory services) and 3rd Sector groups such as Rape Crisis are also attendees where there are agenda items relevant to them

3.3 Feedback & Performance

The Minutes of Community Safety Forums are published on Modern.Gov and are therefore available to LACPG members. Performance statistics from partners are considered at all meetings of the forums, partners regularly report their progress against their own performance targets both national and where possible local, and consider many initiatives which are being undertaken locally, e.g. targeting rogue traders.

Currently the Area Community Safety partnerships feed back into the Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership which meets six monthly, however, it is proposed that a report also be provided to the LACPG on a regular basis so that issues of particular interest can be aired at the larger area community forum. It is envisaged that this report take the form at times of either, reports on specific initiatives felt by the forums to be of interest to the LACPG or exception reports where the LACPG need to be aware that an objective is not being met.

3.4 Appointment

The Area Committee is invited to appoint up to two Members to the Area Community Safety Forum.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 5.2 | Financial | None, |
| 5.3 | Personnel | None |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None |

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