
Community Safety Forum & Linkages to other Groups

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update and inform Members as to the status and membership of 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 appoint Members to the Forums as outlined below.
- 2.3 Note the intention to schedule Meetings to facilitate improved communications with Local Area Community Planning Groups.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Partnership bodies 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, which 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 Community Plan. Each local CSF meets quarterly – and more often if there is a specific need. It has been suggested that 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 attended by Elected Members and are open to all interested parties. They are well attended by partners whose function has a large community safety component e.g. Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Coastguard, Council Emergency Planning, Environmental health (regulatory services), Housing Associations etc. In most Areas 3rd Sector groups such as Rape Crisis are also attendees where there is anything on the agenda which is of interest to them.

3.3 Feedback & Performance

The Minutes of Community Safety Forums are published on Modern.Gov. 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.

3.4 Appointment

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

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | Making the appointments will facilitate the Councils Community Safety Strategy |
| 5.2 | Financial | None, |
| 5.3 | Personnel | A time commitment will be required from those appointed to the CSFs |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None |

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