CUSTOMER SERVICES

June 2014

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTIONS REPORT

1. SUMMARY

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) about the items discussed at the most recent meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Safety Forum (MAKI CSF) held on 6 May 2014 in Housing Meeting Room Kilmory with VC to the Burnett Building, Islay Service Point and Jeannie Deans Centre.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Community Planning Group note the work undertaken and consider whether there are any items of business which the Group may wish the MAKI CSF to progress on their behalf and;
- 2.2 Note that the Community Safety Forum, with the other area groups, is continuing to consider the future direction of community safety provision and how best to support it.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The MAKI CSF met on 6th May when representatives of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, the Council, NHS and the local community were in attendance.
- 3.2 The highlight/exception report of this group is attached in the table below. This is not an exhaustive listing of the work of the Group. The full agenda and minutes can be located on the Council's website via this link

http://www.argyll-

<u>bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?Cld=399&Year=0</u>

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The attached Appendix details the main issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 6th May 2014.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy - Accords with the SOA and Community Plan

Financial – None Legal - None HR - None Equalities - None Risk - None Customer None

Service -

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Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
Personal and Home Safety Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers	No Cold Calling Chimney Fires/Log Burners KCPP	Trading standards have located some funding for the proposed leaflets and these have now been distributed. SFR have distributed leaflets re the potential dangers of Chimney fires. Env. Health have noticed a number of faulty installations which only become apparent when a fault develops. The Panel are short on Funds for running a print run of anti-drink driving beer mats, and will submit an application to the Forum, but there may also be some funds available from other sources.	Home fire safety visits continue to be proactively promoted.	
Travel Safety Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic	A 83	It was noted that the A 83 road through Campbeltown is to be trunked, .and that the recent KIWG meeting had been almost entirely given over to this issue.	Minute available from council website.	

accidents, water safety, public transport safety	Road safety Water Safety	An event has been arranged for motorcyclists. Whether one can be arranged for cyclists e.g. during safe cycling week will be investigated by the forum members. It was noted that the safety signage which had been requested in a number of areas has now been erected and is operational.		
Safety of Vulnerable Groups				
Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual Violence	Domestic/ Hate Crime Heroin	There was one incident of hate crime reported in the period. It appears that drug use, including heroin, is down in the area it is also noted that the price is high perhaps indicating restricted supply.	This was a single male making racist/sectarian comments outside a pub	Police Scotland Statistics
	Smoke Detectors for the deaf Blocking	SFR advised that they had been issuing free special smoke detectors with visual alarms and also fire retardant bedding for vulnerable adults and children (also free of charge). Trading Standard have a small supply of	These are provided as part of the home safety visit process.	SFR Statistics
	Phones	blocking phones for those who have been harassed by nuisance calls.		

	"Choose Life"	The forum heard a highly affective presentation on tackling suicide awareness from Tracy Preece "Choose Life" coordinator"	This had a significant effect on all participants with the statistics being disturbing 762 confirmed suicides in Scotland in 2012 and 174 road deaths in the same period	
Environment Safety Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhood and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires	Dog Fouling Parking	This continues to be an issue, but it is hoped that the addition of the six new traffic wardens in Argyll will mean more eyes and more irresponsible owners being fined. Parking is being decriminalised and 6 wardens have been employed. These will work with the existing Amenity Services staff and tickets will begin to be issued in June.		Police and EH Stats
Public Space Safety This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social	Outdoor Fires/Grass Fires	This continues to be a concern. SFR are again be running a summer strategy targeting camping and caravan sites on the subject of open fires and gas safety.		Reduced instances of grass fires – SFR stats.

behaviour, public disorder and violence.	Kayaking	The Argyll Kayak Trail officially opens in June	