

Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	Social Affairs
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome) Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.	<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP10 – our diverse culture is celebrated

Activity Summary in Period

(please state period you are reporting on)

F/Q 2

Cash back for Communities initiative (proceeds of crime):

- Small grant applications by youth work projects in Argyll and Bute have been assessed by the Argyll and Bute cash back assessment panel. Successful applicants to be notified by YouthLink Scotland early November 2011.
- Initial planning has taken place to deliver Racketball as a diversionary activity for young people at risk of involvement in anti social behaviour. Delivery body is 'Scottish Squash and Racketball' in partnership with Argyll and Bute partner agencies. Funded by Cashback for Communities with funding made directly to national sporting bodies.

An application has been made to the COSLA Excellence Awards 2012 (Strong and Sustainable Communities category) on work of the locality based Argyll and Bute Anti Social Behaviour Problem Solving Partnerships. These partnerships are sub groups of area community safety partnerships and this application has been made in recognition of their innovative work in tackling anti social behaviour.

The role of the partnerships is to take action to resolve complaints of anti social behaviour made by individuals and also prevent anti social behaviour by targeting identified hotspots areas. Measures are designed to address underlying causes. The partnerships have a strong operational focus and complaints are dealt with using a person centred multi agency case conference approach. The key stakeholders are Strathclyde Police (Chair), Argyll Community Housing Association, West Highland Housing Association, Fyne Homes, HELP (Argyll and Bute) Ltd, Argyll and Bute Council (Children and Families Social Work, Criminal Justice Social Work, Homeless Service, Regulatory Services, Governance and Law).

Our practice, which is fully in keeping with the 'Promoting Positive Outcomes' framework developed by COSLA and Scottish Government to tackle the causes of anti social behaviour, has been successful in achieving a smarter approach to anti social behaviour cases. The partnerships are a valuable source of information and data on the nature and extent of anti social behaviour within their area and this contributes to the Argyll and Bute Strategic Assessment which is the evidence base for determining Community Safety Strategy priorities and performance monitoring.

	Community Perception Surveys undertaken since the adoption of this approach have indicated an improving trend, with the most recent figures showing over 80% of residents surveyed across Argyll and Bute feeling that their neighbourhoods are safe places to stay.
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	<p>A council and partners review of area community safety partnerships has begun in this quarter with aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate Local Area Community Planning Group priorities for community safety within area Community Safety Partnership action plans • Improve data collection and reporting on progress towards achievement of area community safety outcomes and contribution to outcomes within the wider Argyll and Bute Community Plan • Align monitoring and reporting function with the new area scorecards currently being developed <p>Reviews have started with Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, Cowal and Bute Community Safety Partnerships and will also include Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorne and the Isles partnerships.</p>
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