ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

CUSTOMER SERVICES

4 JUNE 2013

HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum (HLCSF) held on 17 May 2013.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the ACPG note the work undertaken and consider whether there are any items of business which the Group may wish the HLCSF might progress on their behalf.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The HLCSF met on 17 May 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Third Sector and Council were in attendance.
- 3.2 The highlight/exception report from this group together with detail of the work undertaken by Partners is attached at Appendix 1 although is not an exhaustive listing of the work of the Group. Agenda and Minutes can be located on the Council's website via this link <u>http://www.argyll-</u> <u>bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=427&Year=0</u>

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The attached Appendix details the issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 17 May 2013.

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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Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum Exception Report				
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	Smoke Alarms (Landlord obligations)	Repairing Standards within the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006. Action – SFR to provide further info to the Housing Officer	Requirements of the Repair Standards stipulate new properties to be installed with hard wired smoke alarms and in existing properties, battery operated alarms only have short term suitability	
	Tunstall Telecare	Company provides assistance for vulnerable persons permitting them to reside in their own homes and can reduce instances of burglary, bogus callers and anti- social behaviour	Presentation was received from Julie Hurnauth on the aims of the company which were to promote delivery of assisted living and independence to individuals who would not otherwise be able to remain in their own homes.	
	No Cold Calling	Possible introduction of "No Cold Calling" zones within communities. Action – Requires funding so partners asked to identify any possible funding source and this has been relayed to community groups in terms of their ability to access funding	In effort to reduce instances of uninvited salespersons etc, individual properties or collectively agreed zones can be established to prohibit cold calling. There are also benefits in terms of deterring burglaries, bogus workers and scam callers.	Reduces number of crimes which have been linked to cold calling

Travel Safety				
Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety	Water Safety Roads	Katie Burke is invited to next meeting to update on her previous, water safety presentation Anecdotally there is less "racing" around Maitland court	Katie was unable to attend the May meeting so item will be continued to August meeting. No update available at May meeting – continued to August.	
Safety of Vulnerable Groups Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, voung children, victims of hate crime and sexual Violence	Resilience Planning	Preparing communities to deal with emergency situations, including special arrangements for vulnerable persons. Action – ABC will continue to encourage and support communities to create their own emergency plans and Police Scotland offered to assist with this promotion through attendance at local Community Council meetings	Briefing received from Morag Brown following recent emergency situation caused by severe weather in Kintyre	Increased uptake in preparation of emergency plans
Environment Safety Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of	Dog Fouling	More information required at time of reporting incidents. Action – More information to be sought at the time of reporting	Anonymous reporting means follow up enquiries are prohibited.	Reduction in reporting

communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires	Vandalism Fly tipping	Recent acts of vandalism detected in Hermitage Park. Action – Police Scotland to carry out foot and possibly cycle patrols as part of the late shift duties. Fly tipping is an issue locally Action – Promotion of reporting online through Dumb Dumpers Campaign	Hermitage Park has now been added to the Local Policing Plan and arrangements to monitor during late shift to be put in place. Public to be encouraged to report online as part of the campaign.	Reduced instances of vandalism Increased numbers of prosecutions of those committing such offences
Public Space Safety This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.	Outdoor Fires	Spring Strategy underway which promotes potential for grass fires. Action – SFR visiting outdoor parties and issuing Muirburn Code to local farmers	SFR have reported local reduction in 'spring' related instances	SFR stats