

**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 (MAKICSF) held on 6 August 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 MAKICSF might progress on their behalf.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The MAKICSF met on 6 August 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Scotland Fire and Rescue and Council Service Representatives 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 <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=399&MId=5610&Ver=4>

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The attached Appendix details the issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 6 August 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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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Safety Forum Exception Report

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p>Personal and Home Safety <i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No Cold Calling</p> <p>Chimney Fires/Log Burners</p>	<p>Information had previously been circulated to Community Councils inviting them to progress this initiative (if so desired) within their communities. Funding avenues which could be explored by CCs were also supplied. Action – A further update of the CCs progressing this issue would be provided by the Area Governance Officer.</p> <p>43% of all chimney fires in Argyll and Bute occur in the MAKI area.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue service have indicated that they would like to prepare and distribute leaflets (during Oct to Dec months) to raise awareness of the potential for chimney fires (principally in Islay where there are higher occurrences)</p>	<p>Reduces number of crimes which have been linked to cold calling</p> <p>Reduction in chimney fires in MAKI area – SFR stats.</p>
<p>Travel Safety <i>Includes issues that and individuals</i></p>				

<p>may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</p>				
<p>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</p>	<p>Domestic/ Race/ Homophobic Crime</p> <p>Smoke Detectors for the deaf</p>	<p>Police Scotland noted there were fewer instances this year than for the same period last year and that there was an 83% detection rate for cases of domestic abuse.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Reduction in crime statistics are to be welcomed.</p> <p>The provision adapted smoke alarms and bedding for free will help lower instances whereby vulnerable groups are more at risk within their homes</p>	<p>Police Scotland Statistics</p> <p>SFR Statistics</p>
<p>Environment Safety Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhood and includes vandalism and criminal</p>	<p>Dog Fouling</p>	<p>Joint patrols being undertaken between Police Scotland and Environmental Health</p>	<p>No fixed penalties have been issued since May 2013 with 20 letters being issued reminding advising owners of their responsibilities in efforts to reduce instances.</p>	<p>Police and EH Stats</p>

<p><i>damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i></p>	<p>Wild Camping</p>	<p>Issues have arisen from a growing popularity for 'wild camping' which have led to a Memorandum of Understanding being prepared by the Access Team. This Memorandum gives greater clarity as to what does and what does not define wild camping and what legislative powers the Police have in terms of enforcement.</p>		
<p>Public Space Safety <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>Outdoor Fires/Grass Fires Open Fires/Gas Safety</p>	<p>33% of all grass fires in Argyll and Bute occur in the MAKI area.</p> <p>SFR had run a summer strategy targeting camping and caravan sites on the subject of open fires and gas safety.</p>	<p>SFR propose to distribute a leaflet to land owners on the Muirburn Code during Feb-April period.</p> <p>All campsites in MAKI area were targeted to receive safety leaflets</p>	<p>Reduced instances of grass fires – SFR stats</p>