ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

CUSTOMER SERVICES

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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 5 February 2014 in the Burnett Building, Campbeltown.

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 MAKI CSF to progress on their behalf and;
- 2.2 Note that the Community Safety Forum is, as are, the other area groups, considering the future direction of Community Safety provision and how best to support it.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The MAKI CSF met on 5th February when representatives of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, the Council, 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 <u>http://www.argyll-</u> bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?Cld=399&Year=0

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The attached Appendix details the main issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 5th February 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	Fuel Theft leaflets No Cold Calling Chimney Fires/Log Burners	The Forum provided funding for Leaflets outlining measures to combat heating oil theft which have been distributed in the area. Arrochar CC are keen on this initiative and Trading Standards are working with them to create a no cold calling zone. Arrochar is geographically suitable as a zone) costs remain an issue in all other locations. SFR have distributed leaflets re the potential dangers of Chimney fires. Home fire safety visits continue to proactively promoted.	McNair and Sons participated In the distribution the forum was grateful for their assistance. There was a singe serious incident where a house was struck by lightning and had burned to the ground, issues around water supplies for firefighting are being considered in that location.	Reduction in chimney fires in MAKI area SFR stats.
Travel Safety Includes issues that and individuals may encounter	A 83	It was noted that the A 83 road through Campbeltown is to be trunked.	This may have an ongoing issue re street furniture and traffic management.	

such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety	Thefts	There have recently been a number of thefts of marine equipment, one of the suspected Gang is currently being held on remand after being caught with two stolen marine engines.	Publicity surrounding this has encouraged local owners to check on their stored boats.	
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	Domestic/ Hate Crime Smoke Detectors for the deaf	There were two incidents of hate crime reported in the period . 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)	1 was in relation to an English Male and the other involved 2 Aisan menThese are provided as part of the home safety Visit process.	Police Scotland Statistics SFR Statistics
Environment Safety Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and heighbourhood and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly	Dog Fouling Wild Camping	Joint patrols are being undertaken between Police Scotland and Environmental Health Irresponsible setting of cooking fires by people while Wild camping has been recently identified as an issue in MAKI leading to call-		Police and EH Stats

tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires		outs for the fire service.		
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/Grass Fires	SFR will be distributing a leaflet to land owners on the Muirburn Code during Feb- April period.		Reduced instances of grass fires – SFR stats.
	Open Fires/Gas Safety	SFR will again be running a summer strategy targeting camping and caravan sites on the subject of open fires and gas safety.	All campsites in MAKI area will be targeted to receive the updated safety leaflets.	