

**Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to the Local Community  
Planning group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnerships in the last time period.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the ACPG :

- 2.1 Note the exception reports provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website);
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the CSPs to undertake or review, and
- 2.3 Note that the groups are considering the future direction of Community Safety provision and how best to support it.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Area CSP is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense and undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 There is a move to align all service provision with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all public sector partners are signatories
- 3.3 The Area Community Safety partnerships had an agenda item this round of meetings requesting that they consider the future role of the Forums and what their future would or should be. It was noted that the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan is also leading on the work stream relating to outcome 6 of the Single Outcome Agreement " People live in safer and stronger communities" and that he will be providing a strategic lead and tasking on community safety. The possibility of the remit of the local community safety groups being subsumed within the local Community Planning group was raised.

The potential for a strong strategic lead was welcomed since this could provide necessary focus for the partners efforts, however, the local forums were both seriously concerned that to amalgamate the groups when the CSF is already a subgroup of the Area Community Planning Group, would lead to the loss of focus on local issues and also the loss of local understanding of how issues can be resolved and locally appropriate methods of dealing with problems.

One ground of concern is that the agenda of the full Area Community Planning Groups is very broad. It was noted at both meetings that this was a major issue for members of the local community safety forums to consider, and while more detailed proposals would probably be forthcoming at future meetings, Forum members may wish to consider viable models for the delivery of the Community safety agenda.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | <b>Policy</b>                       | Review of the delivery of community safety action plans will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 5.2 | <b>Financial</b>                    | None,  |
| 5.3 | <b>Personnel</b>                    | None   |
| 5.4 | <b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b> | None.  |
| 5.5 | <b>Legal</b>                        | None   |

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## Bute Community Safety Forum Exception Report March 2014

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><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 initiative</p> <p>Festive disorder</p>	<p>An update was provided, No cold calling areas are by their nature localised and specific to the local community.</p> <p>Police noted that there had been no serious incidents of disorder over the Christmas period</p>	<p>Trading standards are seeking external funding to take this initiative forward</p> <p>The police will be running an initiative promoting the safety of female customers in the night time economy, and will also be hosting an internet safety event at the joint Campus.in the near future</p>	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Parking decriminalisation</p>	<p>Chair previously wrote to head of roads re the requirement for changes in signage and parking</p>	<p>The chair has been assured that these issues are in hand by the roads service, and this is being monitored by the area committee</p>	
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p>TESSA</p> <p>Fire safety</p> <p>Sexual Health</p>	<p>8 Schools are engaged in this project and there is now an additional worker working with young people with learning difficulties</p> <p>It was noted that the number of incidents was down this quarter, however special service calls such as flooding and RTAs were up</p> <p>The forum heard Laura Stephenson from Argyll and Bute CHP</p>	<p>Tessa wish to extend this service , however the forum were concerned that funding is only certain until 2015</p> <p>The chair wished his thanks be passed to the service for the way in which an incident at Feradd Court was resolved</p> <p>The forum noted the report but also wished its contents circulated within the community to raise awareness locally re the issues of sexual health and attitudes</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property</p> <p>Dog fouling</p>	<p>A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting</p> <p>This continues to be an issue, in specific locations</p>	<p>The cost detail was deferred to the next meeting due to staff absencelt is noted that the new traffic wardens should be In place by 12<sup>th</sup> May and that these officers will also be able to issue fouling fines</p>	

<p>and secondary fires</p>				
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b>  <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>ASB  CCTV Cameras</p>	<p>An update was provided, 7 cases remain open.</p>	<p>Bute currently accounts for approx. 20% of ASB cases, - some of this particularly noise cases, may be due to poor soundproofing on older buildings</p>	

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<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><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 initiative</p>	<p>Trading standards have leaflets ready, but are seeking funding/ assistance for distribution costs</p>	<p>The royal mail costs appear the cheapest currently, but are due to increase in March</p>	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>speeding</p>	<p>An issue has been highlighted re Victoria road, a number of speed restriction measures are being considered by the council</p>		
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p>TESSA Sexual health</p> <p>Fire safety</p>	<p>8 schools are continuing their involvement in Tessa, the other two have made alternative arrangements there is now a full time support worker for young people with learning difficulties Visits are continuing and are successful</p> <p>The biggest issue this quarter has been false alarms (47 call outs)</p>	<p>The groups are concerned to note that funding for this project is only currently sure until 2015</p> <p>The main "culprits" for the false alarms remain the sheltered housing complexes and the residential homes.</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property</p>	<p>A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting</p>	<p>The same cost issue as for no cold calling exists here and again funding is being sought</p>	

<i>ipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i>	Dog fouling	There is joint working being undertaken by street scene and the police	Patrols will be undertaken outside normal office hours	
	Rural watch	This is a new project which is similar to neighbourhood watch but for rural areas	Outcomes are to be monitored by all partners	
<b>Public Space Safety</b> <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i>	Litter	There is a continuing issue re rubbish from Ardenslate shop being dumped by pupils, the school police and street scene are working together to address this.	A number of approaches are being considered including checking enforcement routes which may be open as well as additional litter patrols	
	Bins	There have been a number of complaints re bins not being collected, but when investigated this has been due to them not being out early	The Area governance officer is contacting amenity services to enquire how the 8.00 deadline for putting bins out can be more widely publicised	
	CCTV	The camera has resulted in an improvement in its current location at Hanover Street	The camera is likely to be moved to a new location shortly	