
ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

**Helensburgh and Lomond Community
Planning Group
March 2014**

CUSTOMER SERVICES

Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to Area Community Planning Group

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 Forum .

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the ACPG:

- 2.1 Note the exception report 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 CSF to undertake or review.
- 2.3 Note that the group together with the groups in the other administrative areas, are considering the future direction of Community Safety provision, and how best to support it.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Area CSF is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense, which undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 Helensburgh and Lomond CSF met on the 21st Feb 2014.
- 3.3 There is currently a move to align all service provision with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all public sector partners are signatories.
- 3.4 The Area Community Safety partnerships had an item on their agenda 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. The subject of this workstream is “People live in safer and stronger communities”. Chief Inspector McEwan will be providing a strategic lead, and is mooted the creation of a “tasking group” for the delivery of community safety.

- 3.5 The possibility of the remit of the local community safety forums being subsumed within the local Community Planning Group was raised.
- 3.6 The potential for a strong strategic lead was welcomed since this could provide necessary focus for the partners’ efforts. It was also noted that since its recommencement in 2012, the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum has struggled with attendance, and that this may be an indicator of how it was viewed by members. The Chair also noted that some of the work of the forum could be replicated easily within the Area Community Planning Group. It was decided to take no further action however until the framework being suggested by the Chief Superintendent is clarified.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposals will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | Financial | None, |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum Exception Report Nov 2013				
Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p>Personal and Home Safety</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>Fire plans</p>	<p>Despite a lack of central funding availability, it is hoped that Arrochar can be a suitable pilot location</p> <p><i>The consultation on Local fire plans is complete and the information gathered is being used to inform the plans themselves, and thereby the service priorities.</i></p> <p><i>The fire service in the area was recently the subject of a full inspection by HM inspectors.</i></p>	<p>Trading standards are seeking funding for this initiative</p> <p>The forum was consulted and is being asked to identify others who may wish to have an input.</p> <p>The inspection concentrated mainly on retained and volunteer crews – the inspectors were very impressed both by the by crews competence and professionalism but also by the level of equipment available.</p>	
<p>Travel Safety</p> <p><i>Includes issues that individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>A 83</p> <p>RTA Scenario</p> <p>Stickers</p>	<p>The forum asked that input re an alternative solution for diversion in the event of the A83 being closed be sought from the council roads department.</p> <p>Police and Fire service will be working together to try to arrange a Road traffic accident scenario such as has been held in other areas.</p> <p>The possibility of producing “drive on the left” for hire cars has been mooted. The Cost of this is being investigated as well as the most effective way of</p>	<p>Having considered the response received from the service, the group asked the Area Governance officer to write again requesting further details and clarifications.</p> <p>This is a very effective way of raising awareness of road safety issues and is produced in conjunction with the local secondary schools – it is hoped that a DVD will be made which can be turned into a short film.</p>	

		delivering this initiative.		
<p>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</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>Leaflets</p> <p>Visits</p>	<p>The fire service report that the use of supermarket delivery services for CS leaflet distribution is being progressed following the successful pilot in Oban ,</p> <p>The number of completed safety Visits is up and the number of actual fires is down. Significantly.</p>	<p>It appears that the community safety message is getting out It is suggested that the safety visits are having a preventative effect and this must be continued.</p>	
<p>Environment Safety</p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires.</i></p>	<p>Fire service Christmas/Winter strategy now complete moving on to Spring/summer initiatives</p>	<p>In a similar initiative to the supermarkets carrying CS leaflets, local farmers suppliers have agreed to carry Muirburn Code leaflets to the farming community as the time for controlled burning of hillsides is nearly upon us again.</p>		
<p>Public Space Safety</p> <p><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</p>	<p>A local issue at the Helensburgh Co-op involving young people and the staff escalated to the extent that 7 arrests were made- this definitive action appears to have calmed this situation.</p>		