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**Community Safety Forum Exception report to the Oban Lorn and the Isles  
Community Planning group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The purpose of this Paper is to update the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group (CPG) regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Forum (ACSF) in the last time period.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Community Planning Group:

- 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 Area Community Safety Forum to undertake or review, and;
- 2.3 Note that the group, in common with the other forums, continues to consider the future direction of community safety provision, and how best to support it.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Area Community Safety Forum 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 Each Area Community Safety Forum had an agenda item during this round of meetings, to provide an update on their consideration of the future role of the Forums. 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 on community safety.

- 3.4 It was noted that the view of those present remained unchanged from before and that while a strong lead was to be welcomed, this should not be at the expense of local knowledge, expertise or solutions.
- 3.4 This meeting heard a presentation from the Choose Life Coordinator Tracy Preece about suicide prevention, including shocking statistics about the number of incidences of suicide in Scotland. It was agreed that Tracy would meet with the Oban Scottish Fire And Rescue Area Commander to organise further training.

#### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 **Policy** Review of the delivery of community safety will ensure that the service is efficiently delivered, and is reported on effectively thereby making clear its contribution to the achievement of the targets and objectives of the SOA and the Community Plan.
- 4.2 **Financial** None.
- 4.3 **Personnel** None
- 4.4 **Equalities** None.
- 4.5 **Legal** None
- 4.6 **Risk** None
- 4.7 **Customer Service** None

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## Oban Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum Exception Report June 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>Policing</p>	<p>A limited amount of money has been found to allow mailing of information, and this has been done.</p> <p>The new command structure is in place and is working well, The area is getting three new probationer police officers and one officer on secondment</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>Lochwatch Loch Awe</p> <p>Oban Connel back road</p>	<p>This is continuing, the traffic management officers are now in place.</p> <p>There have been no major incidents on the loch recently,</p> <p>The need for a reduction in the speed limit on this road was considered by the Area Committee and no action is to be taken</p>	<p>Tickets issues will for the first month be warnings and fines will start in July</p> <p>Following the last meeting, investigations were undertaken and it was found that there was no evidence of speeding on this road, and it does not meet the other criteria for a speed reduction</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>Fire safety</p> <p>Children</p>	<p>Alex Purdie the new fire service Local authority Liaison officer highlighted the increase in targeted home fire safety visits</p> <p>The Employment of Children bylaws were discussed and it was noted that a significant number of 14-16 year olds were working in non-family owned businesses and not all had the appropriate permit agreed by</p>	<p>This is partly due to a Fire Service/Social work initiative re assessment work which is closely targeted on the vulnerable.</p>	

	Choose Life	<p>the employer, school, parents and council</p> <p>Tracy Preece- Choose Life gave an enlightening presentation on Suicide prevention</p>	<p>The Stats show 762 suicides in 2012 and less than 200 road deaths, research also shows that intervention and support actually works. Further detail is on the <a href="#">Choose life website</a>.</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 and secondary fires</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property</p> <p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Grants</p>	<p>The Muirburn code initiative discussed at the last meeting was a success</p> <p>The new appointed Traffic Wardens will also be able to issue dog fouling notices.</p> <p>There are still grants available for improving private water supplies</p>	<p>The number of incidents was significantly reduced and it was felt that this was due to good proactive community engagement</p> <p>Anyone interested in this should contact environmental health directly.</p>	
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b></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>	Lochwatch	<p>The land around the memorial has been transferred to Lochwatch and is being developed as a staging and coordination point for rescue operations as well as a memorial.</p>		