Strategic Community Safety
Co-ordinating & Tasking Partnership

Community Safety Strategy
2016 – 2020
Introduction

People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities

“Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partners work with communities to ensure they are vibrant and resilient as well as being places where residents and visitors are safe from harm, crime and anti social behaviour. We are fully committed to reducing inequality by meaningfully engaging with all communities in deciding our community safety priorities and ensuring people can participate in delivering community safety services”. Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Police Scotland. Chair: Strategic Community Safety Co-ordinating & Tasking Partnership

Argyll and Bute is a safe place to live in and visit and has a low crime rate. There are, nevertheless, issues which impact on community safety.

Localised problems of disorder, anti-social behaviour and vandalism occur in urban centres and are usually related to alcohol and sometimes drugs.

Road and Water safety affects the whole of Argyll and Bute and Community Safety Partners have an important role to play in promoting and developing a culture of safety on the roads and water.

Within communities priority is given to:

- Tackling violence, neighbourhood antisocial behaviour and in supporting personal and home safety of children and vulnerable residents
- Preventing and tackling noise nuisance, littering, graffiti, fly tipping, dog fouling and deliberate fires are key priorities in ensuring our natural and built environment is respected and free from environmental crime
- Supporting and protecting communities by securing compliant businesses and tackling illegal and unsafe activities which pose a risk to public health or safety.
- Tackling national and local health protection priorities through partnership working, with the aim of protecting individuals, businesses and communities
Strategic Context

The Community Safety Strategy 2016-20 is the basis from which community safety partners and communities will work together to ensure we have “safer and stronger communities”.

The priority action and outcomes delivered by the Strategic Community Safety Co-ordinating and Tasking Partnership (commonly known as The Community Safety Partnership) will contribute, over the next four years, to the Community Planning Partnership’s overall outcome of the Single Outcome Agreement that “Argyll and Bute’s economic success is built on a growing population”.

This overall Argyll and Bute outcome is supported by six long term outcomes.

Outcome 1: The Economy is Diverse and Thriving
Outcome 2: We have Infrastructure that Supports Growth
Outcome 3: Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All
Outcome 4: Children and Young People have the Best Possible Start
Outcome 5: People Live Happy, Healthy and Independent Lives
Outcome 6: People live in Safer and Stronger Communities

Community Safety Partners will focus their energy and commitment to achieve outcomes within Outcome 6 of the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement that People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities.

Further information on Community Planning and the activities covered by Outcome 6 can be found at https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership
Partnership Principles

Our Community Safety Strategy is strengthened by the full commitment of partners to achieving all of the community safety outcomes through individual action within their service plans, as well as working together, and with communities.

We will develop actions for each outcome which will be underpinned by a problem solving approach with a balanced focus on prevention, intervention and enforcement measures.

To achieve our outcomes community safety partners will:

- Show strong leadership in order to influence service delivery and promote joint working
- Engage fully with communities to identify and develop sustainable local solutions
- Share information and intelligence and work together to task and coordinate activities
- Collaborate with other strategic partnerships where there are cross cutting issues and opportunities to deliver better outcomes
- Ensure high standards of partnership working
- Communicate our key community safety messages clearly to our communities in an effective, co-ordinated manner.
- Demonstrate our success through evidence
Partnership Structure and Responsibilities

**The Partners**
- Partners are drawn from organisations involved in the delivery of Outcome 6: People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities and related community safety activities.
- Partners also link into other partnerships and networks with a focus on specialised elements of community safety as part of their day to day activities and bring this knowledge to the forum.
- A list of the organisations involved can be found on page 10.

**Role and Responsibilities**
- The purpose of the partnership is to provide a forum where members involved in the delivery of Outcome 6: People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities and related community safety activities can meet to exchange information, discuss matters relating to ongoing community safety activities and take forward activities as appropriate.
- The Partnership will oversee the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020 and provide strategic guidance to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, via the Outcome 6 Lead, on community safety matters.
- The Partnership will liaise with Area Community Planning Groups on community safety matters via members who regularly attend the meetings in their substantive role.

**Way of Working**
- The Partnership will meet every quarter to work plan, problem solve and evaluate performance.
- The Partnership is governed by a Terms of Reference which sets out its remit and operational procedure.
- The Partnership has identified four thematic community safety priorities which it will act on over the next four years.
- The partnership will use data gathered via the CPP Performance Management System for Outcome 6 along with data provided by partners to inform delivery, assess performance and identify priorities for future activity.
- The partnership will provide information on its activities by producing an annual report which will give information on what has been achieved in an easy to read format and will use case studies to deliver key messages.
- The annual report will be used to cascade information to Community Councils, partner organisations, community safety partnerships, networks and the wider community.
Tackle Disorder, Antisocial Behaviour and Violence

To achieve this we will:

- Target our resources at identified anti social behaviour hotspots and repeat offenders through multi agency problem solving
- Work Collaboratively to encourage reporting of domestic abuse to assist and support all victims and robustly manage offenders
- Work collaboratively to deter and disrupt criminal activity through education, prevention and enforcement measures

We will know we are making a difference by monitoring:

- The number of cases referred to Anti-Social Behaviour sub groups
- The number of anti-social behaviour cases reported via the Annual Return on the Charter to the Scottish Housing Regulator
- The Domestic Abuse Incidence level
- The number of disorder incidents
- The Group 1 Violent Crime level
- The percentage of repeat antisocial noise complaints

Example of joint working activity – Public Reassurance Approach

The Kirkmichael area of Helensburgh needed a structure for tackling local issues and organising events and social activities. The area was also subject to negative local press coverage relating to antisocial behaviour and crime, which are ongoing issues for the community.

In tandem with the creation of Kirkmichael Community Development Group, representatives from statutory and third sector organisations have formed the Kirkmichael Multi-Agency Partnership to help support KCDG.

The Partnership has adopted an action plan based on the Public Reassurance Approach (PRA) model which has been piloted by Police Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council. The model aims to increase community engagement, build capacity in the community and reduce antisocial behaviour in the area.
Promoting Safer Communities and the Personal Safety of the Young, Elderly and other Vulnerable Groups

To do this we will:

- Target Home Fire Safety visits to those at the highest risk from fire
- Protect residents from doorstep crime, rogue traders and internet crime
- Work collaboratively with other strategic partnerships to deliver educational and support programmes to ensure children and young people are safe in regard to alcohol, drugs, internet and bullying
- Raise awareness of accident and injury prevention within communities and particularly amongst vulnerable groups
- Work in partnership to contribute to the delivery of local and national health protection priorities

Example of a joint working initiative: Goodpoint Smoke Alarm Tester

The ‘Goodpoint Smoke Alarm Tester’ allows an individual to test their smoke alarm on a weekly basis without the need for standing on a chair or stepladder and therefore reducing the risk of injury from a fall.

Scottish Fire & Rescue, in conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Network Partners will provide the ‘Goodpoint Smoke Alarm Tester’ to identified service users.

Linking with community health teams, voluntary/community groups and organisations to reduce the numbers of injuries sustained by members of the public due to falls in the home, the initiative sits alongside Home Fire Safety Visit as a multi-agency approach to protect members of the community in their home.

We will know we are making a difference by monitoring:

- The number of people killed or seriously injured in fires
- The number of people impacted by bogus crime (front door and internet)
- The number of Home Fire Safety Visits including raising awareness slips, trips and falls delivered
- % of Joint Health Protection Plan completed
Protect the Natural and Built Environment

To do this we will:

- Tackle deliberate fire setting and fire related anti-social behaviour
- Support compliant and sustainable businesses by targeting illegal activity including compliance with environmental health, trading standards, animal welfare and fire safety measures
- Improve neighbourhood public space and amenity areas by ensuring they are well lit and tackling vandalism, littering, dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping
- Recognise the risks associated with the marine environment and identify key priorities

We will know we are making a difference by monitoring:

- The number of deliberate fire setting and fire related antisocial behaviour incidents
- The number of business and commercial premises audited for compliance with fire safety measures
- The percentage of compliant businesses - Businesses Regulations
- Percentage of tenants satisfied with the management of the neighbourhood they live in – Social Housing Charter Indicator
- The number of marine and water based incidents
- The number of volunteers involved in marine and water based safety activities

Example of a joint working initiative

The Councils Regulatory Services works to protect community safety by securing compliance with a wide range of legislation affecting businesses, properties and the general public.

Critical to this work is supporting communities and business and partnership working. Its work through the multi-agency antisocial behaviour case review groups or Event Safety Teams demonstrate their value in protecting communities and ensuring that events are safe and successful for communities.
Encourage Safer Road Use

To do this we will:

• Target action, through engineering, enforcement and education, where casualty statistics identify a need for intervention

• Evaluate our interventions to measure effectiveness and identify ways in which it can be improved

We will know we are making a difference by monitoring

• Feedback from evaluations of road safety interventions

Example of a joint working initiative: Rural Roads Campaign

Argyll and Bute Multi Agency Road Safety Group held a 4 week rural road safety initiative in response to the increased road traffic collisions this year.

Partners involved included Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Argyll and Bute Council.

There was an increased police presence at priority locations with officers using speed detecting equipment, patrolling in unmarked vehicles and engaging with drivers.

Educational interventions included several young driver events, motorcyclist first aid training and car seat clinics.

Example of a joint working initiative: Go Safe with Ziggy!

Children in Early Years settings across Argyll and Bute are encouraged to ‘Go Safe with Ziggy’!

This resource, primarily made up of story books featuring Ziggy (a wee alien who has limited road safety skills) takes children on a learning journey. Key road safety messages, such as holding hands, being seen and being safe in the car, are all covered in the books which are available in nurseries and to take home for reinforcement by parents.
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