



South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008 – 2011

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1 : Strategic Purpose

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Purpose is to create a Safe, Healthy & Confident South Ayrshire. The Partnership aims to do this by working in partnership with local communities and agencies, developing strategic problem solving as an overall approach.

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership has responsibility for developing and delivering South Ayrshire's Community Safety Plan, the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy and the Violence against Women Strategy.

2 : Membership

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership comprises the following organisations:

- South Ayrshire Council
- Strathclyde Police
- Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Service
- NHS Ayrshire & Arran
- ADAT
- The Coast Guard
- The Ambulance Service
- The Procurator Fiscal

In addition the Partnership involves a range of voluntary and community organisations and members from specific communities in joint action groups. This means local people and local organisations can have an input into developing community safety initiatives in their areas.

3 : South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Priorities

The Community Safety Partnership is a theme group of South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership.

The Community Planning Partnership in its Plan 2006 – 2010 sets out its priorities in terms of community safety:-

- To reduce the general level of violence on our streets and in our homes
- To reduce drug taking and excessive drinking of alcohol among both young people and adults
- To reduce the number of serious accidents happening at home, in work or on our roads
- To reduce the incidents of antisocial behaviour

4 : Single Outcome Agreement

In addition the Council's Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09 aims:-

To make South Ayrshire an even safer place to live, work and play by:-

- working with partners to tackle the underlying causes of crime and antisocial behaviour, including poverty, alcohol misuse and drug addiction
- striving to make South Ayrshire a safer place by preventing accidents at home and on the road, through road safety measures and the raising of road safety awareness.

5 : Strategic Assessment and Priorities

This Community Safety Partnership Plan sets out the Partnership's key priorities and activities for the next three years, shows how these priorities were assessed and agreed and details how they will be delivered.

6 : Research and Information

Information is a powerful tool which allows problems to be identified, and encourages better planning in order to resource and deliver a quality service which meets the needs of the community.

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership has for the past five years employed a Research and Information Officer to develop and analyse data from partners on community safety issues. The data gathered is used for research purposes and provides an overview of recorded crime, antisocial behaviour, accidents, injuries etc. and identifies patterns and trends geographically and demographically. This in turn helps partners to identify priorities and to work together to make South Ayrshire a more attractive place to visit, live, invest and locate in and to improve the overall quality of life for residents.

Effective information gathering informs the scale of the problem and identifies particular hotspot areas for potential action. It gives a clear, accurate picture of a problem and allows a baseline to be established providing a benchmark against which progress can be measured. Effective information gathering leads to improved communication between partners and a more co-ordinated multi-agency approach.

7 : Key Findings 2005 - 2007

Key findings from the community safety data gathered for South Ayrshire have informed the process of agreeing priorities for the Partnership for the next three years. This information can be sub divided into 8 areas – Crime, alcohol, drugs, unintentional injuries, antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, youth justice, and community information. (Full statistical information can be found in the Community Safety Partnership’s statistical profiles).

Community Safety Partners assessed the key findings from the statistical profiles and identified initial high priorities based on this information, on community planning priorities and on their own knowledge and experience.

Crime

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Ayrshire is not the highest when looking at total violent crime but is one of the few areas where violent crime has increased over the last year	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Ayrshire is one of the few areas where Group 4 (Vandalism) has increased and is the highest crime recorded in the last three years	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been a bigger increase in drug, weapon crime in South Ayrshire than East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and Strathclyde.	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been increase in pro-active crimes (offensive weapons, drug supply, breach, drinking in public) in South Ayrshire	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth incidents been increasing in South Ayrshire since April 2004	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Executive statistics show that South Ayrshire has seen an increase in serious assault, possession of an offensive weapon and vandalism over the last three years	High

Alcohol

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Ayrshire has higher alcohol related discharge rate than Scotland and East Ayrshire 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most convictions for drinking in public is 18-20 year old age category 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayrshire and Arran NHS Trust has highest discharge rate for 8-15 year olds in relation to alcohol 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most young people questioned in Carrick ACE say they drink because of their friends or for enjoyment 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Salsus 2006, South Ayrshire has highest percentage of girls who think it is ok to try drinking 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most popular source of accessing alcohol for 13-15yr olds is from a friend/relative and most common place for drinking is in home 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol deaths in Scotland been rising for last 10 years 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Ayrshire has highest number of over 65s alcohol related deaths 	High

Drugs

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Ayrshire has highest percentage of 15-19 year olds starting to use illicit drugs 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug deaths in South Ayrshire have risen over the last three years and is higher than the Scotland rate 	High

Unintentional Injuries

Issues	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main source Home : Biggest increase for Emergency Admissions in South Ayrshire as result of a home accident is in the under 5s and over 65s age categories 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home : South Ayrshire is the only Ayrshire authority to have an increase in home accidents over the last three years 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home : In under 5s the main causes of home accidents are falls and poisonings 	High

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home : South Ayrshire has highest rate of admissions for home accident in over 65s apart from Orkney Islands 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home : The main cause of home accidents in the over 65 age category is due to falls with the 85+ age category the most vulnerable 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home : The main cause of falls for over 65s in South Ayrshire is due to a slip, trip or stumble. The biggest increase has been falls from one level to another 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road : South Ayrshire rate for fatal/serious road crashes is lowest in Ayrshire but same as Strathclyde rate and has risen slightly in the last year 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road :Most admissions due to road accident in males is 25-44 yr age group and in females it is over 65s 	High

Antisocial Behaviour

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been increased reporting to the ASB team and CSO team over the last two years 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a significant increase in young people supported to access organised and diversionary activities 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mediation service is now fully established and handling more cases 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise Nuisance and Youth Disorder remain the most common complaints 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in reports relating to estate management, vandalism, youth disorder, threatening behaviour, racism and sectarian complaints. 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents in CSO areas surveyed stated they are now concerned more with people drinking in public and youths although the majority also state they think there has been an improvement in their area. 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been increase in the reporting of incidents by Community Support Officers 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flytipping remains the most reported incident although there have been increases in graffiti, needles found, and vandalism issues. 	High

Domestic Abuse

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Ayrshire higher than other Ayrshire authorities for Domestic Incidents and also Scotland 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Ayrshire has high number of repeat offenders in the 6-10 category 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Security project remains successful with an increase in alarms installed since 2001 with slight dip in 2006/07 due to better co-ordination of service 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Ayrshire has one of the lowest number of crimes of rape reported by the police since 2000/01 	High

Youth Justice

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer pressure and lack of leisure/recreation facilities – most significant with younger age categories 	High

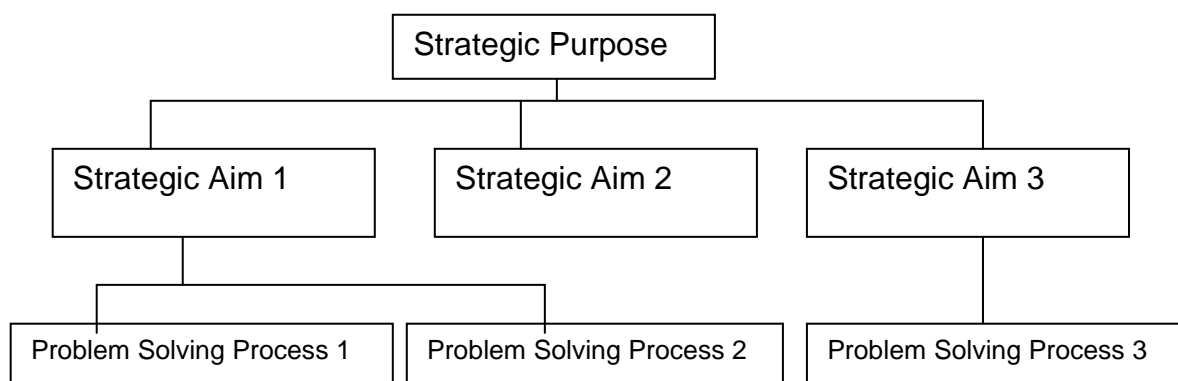
Surveys

Issue	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Scottish Crime and Victimization Survey 2006 the only issues considered to be more problematic were alcohol and drug abuse. 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More males and females in the 16-24 yr age group feel 'worried' or 'fairly worried' about being assaulted or attacked 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour of young people on streets issue of most concern for CS Survey 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high proportion of both male and female residents in CSO areas feel unsafe when out locally during the evening 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sexes feel more at risk from crime in CSO areas than those questioned in SCVS 	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of South Ayrshire residents have experienced rubbish/litter problems in their area compared with other Ayrshire authorities and Scotland 	High

8 : Problem Solving

Strategic Problem Solving is used by the Community Safety Partnership to identify, prioritise and evaluate the work of the Partnership. This process identifies:-

- The Strategic Purpose – the Partnership’s aims
- The Strategic Aims – the separate problem ‘types’ to be tackled, and
- The Problem Solving Processes – individual initiatives to tackle specific problems.

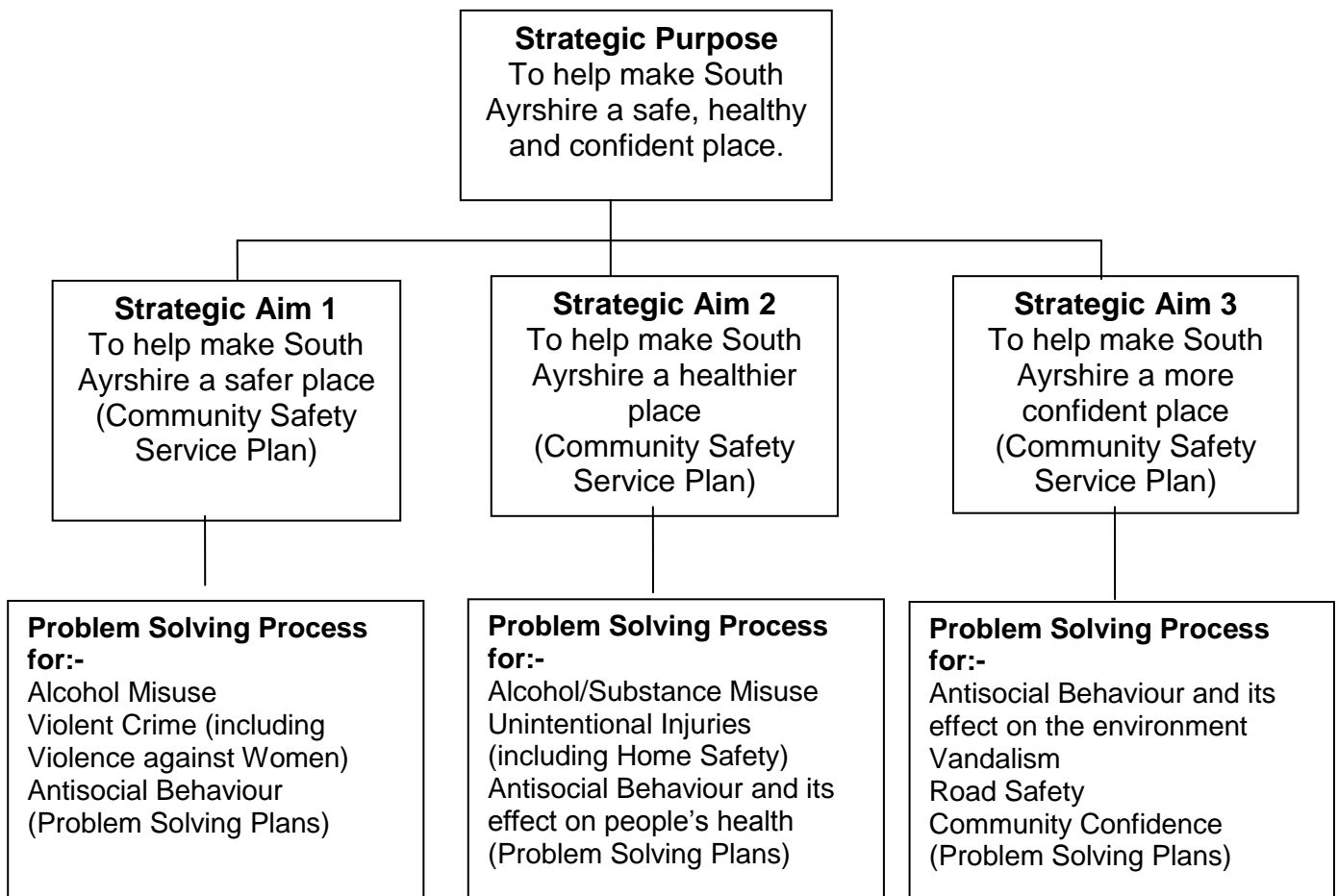


Strategic Purpose - Safe, Healthy & Confident

Partners have identified issues that work against achieving a Safe, Healthy and Confident South Ayrshire and have linked them to the priorities identified through the research information already available to the Partnership. Clear priorities emerged which can be summarised as:-

Safe	Healthy	Confident
Alcohol Misuse (including binge/underage drinking)	Alcohol/Substance Misuse	General environment (graffiti, litter, etc)
Violence (including violence against women)	Mental Health	Road Safety and poor driving
Public Perception (including fear of crime)	Unintentional Injuries	Lack of community spirit/ community confidence
Antisocial Behaviour	Antisocial behaviour and its effect on health	Vandalism

Using the Problem Solving Approach this becomes:-



The Problem Solving Process

Problem solving works by identifying and dealing with the root causes of a problem instead of repeatedly responding to the consequences. This means finding out precisely what the problem is and who is affected by this problem.

9 : Structure - Safe, Healthy and Confident sub groups

Each strategic aim will have a problem solving group led by one of the Community Safety Partners. The Safe, Healthy, and Confident Problem Solving Groups will report back to the Community Safety Partnership and will coordinate the delivery of identified and prioritised projects – using the problem-solving process. These groups will also research and gather information to inform future developments.

Each of the identified and prioritised areas within the safe, healthy & confident themes will have joint action groups which will develop individual problem solving plans. These plans will identify appropriate interventions and will be flexible enough to allow new developments as the process continues.

Problem Solving in Communities – Problem Solving Coordinating Group

In addition, there will be a problem solving coordinating group responsible for identifying and prioritising possible problem solving groups with communities. This group will also agree which of the strategic groups will be responsible for each identified issue in the community e.g. if a group has been identified where the overall issue is alcohol, this may be placed within the Healthy group.

Potential problem-solving groups will be identified through the use of information/complaints from a variety of sources, including Community Safety Officers, the Antisocial Behaviour Team (including the Advice Line), the Police, Community Support Officers, South Ayrshire Monitoring Station, local councillors and other agencies. Additional information may also be gathered through this group before a problem solving group is identified.

Once a problem solving group has been agreed members of the problem solving teams will be tasked with organising and coordinating the problem solving group, involving the relevant groups and agencies.

Sub Group Structure



Sub Groups and Joint Action Groups

Sub Group	Lead Agency	Lead Officer – Community Safety	Joint Action Group
Safe	Police – Insp Bob Smith	Chris Campbell Tel: 01292 616600 Chris.campbell@south-ayrshire.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Ayr • Safe Ayr Shore • Domestic Abuse • ALTA (Pub Watch)
Healthy	Community Health Partnership – Lesley Reid	Susan McCardie Tel: 01292 616155 Susan.mccardie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-Sales Campaign • Safe Drink Campaign • Under Age Discos • Substance Misuse Worker • Bottle Marking Initiative • Test Purchasing
Confident	Community Learning and Development – John Harris	Eric Ewart Tel: 01292 616306 Eric.ewart@south-ayrshire.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Deployable CCTV • Pathfinder/TAYP • Streetsport Express • Campus Police • Reckless Driving
Problem Solving in Communities	Community Safety – Linda Hill	Linda Hill Tel: 01292 6166349 Linda.hill@south-ayrshire.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferguson Street, Ayr • Piedmont Road, Girvan • The Oval, Prestwick • Victory Park, Girvan • Tarbolton

10 : Community Safety Partnership Outcome Statement

SAFE

Outcome	Measure	Baseline 2006/07	Baseline 2007/08	Source	Local Target	Comments
South Ayrshire will be a safer place	Percentage change of total violent crime over the next three years	385	342	Strathclyde Police (Annual)		
	Number of CCTV incidents assisting in detection of crime and antisocial behaviour	2378	2075	South Ayrshire Monitoring Station (Annual)		
	Number of areas covered by re deployable CCTV	-	8	Community Safety		
People will feel safer in South Ayrshire	Level of reporting to Antisocial Behaviour Team	1045	826	Antisocial Behaviour Database (Annual)		
	Number of young people in the 16 – 24 age group feeling less worried about being assaulted or attacked	74.1%	-	Scottish Crime and Victimization Survey		<i>Scotland only – 2006 survey</i>
	Number of cases resolved by mediation	14	28	Antisocial Behaviour Database (Annual)		
Local “hotspot” areas will be safer and people will feel safer	Number of residents in target areas feel safer when out locally in the evening	50%	-	Community Safety Survey		<i>CS Survey – October 2006</i>
Partners and local communities will work better together and will understand and use the problem solving approach	Number of problem solving groups in operation	-	7	Community Safety		<i>Safe sub-groups</i>
	Number of local people involved in local initiatives to improve community safety and tackle antisocial behaviour	115	149	Community Safety		
Women experiencing domestic abuse will feel safer in their own homes	Rate of reporting domestic abuse	97.4 per 10,000 pop	-	Strathclyde Police (Annual)		<i>07/08 figure not available yet</i>
	Number of women supported by the Additional Security project	69	91	Community Safety		
Communities and families will be less damaged by alcohol abuse	Discharge rate for 8-15 year olds in relation to alcohol	16.7 per 10,000 pop	-	Ayrshire & Arran Alcohol Profile		<i>Alcohol Profile 2006 – 2004/05 figures</i>
	Number of convictions for drinking in public	1343	1450	Strathclyde Police (Annual)		
	Number of persons charged for supplying alcohol to underage people	10	26	Strathclyde Police (Annual)		

HEALTHY

Outcome	Measure	Baseline 2006/07	Baseline 2007/08	Source	Local Target	Comments
South Ayrshire will be a healthier place						
People in South Ayrshire will feel healthier						
Partners and local communities will work better together and will understand and use the problem solving approach	Number of problem solving groups in operation	-	6	Community Safety		<i>Healthy sub-groups</i>
	Number of local people involved in local community safety initiatives to improve health			Community Safety		<i>No Baseline</i>
Health issues specific to local areas and groups will be targeted for action						
Communities and families will be less damaged by substance misuse	Percentage of young people who think it is ok to try drinking	76%	-	SALSUS		<i>Salsus 2006</i>
	Percentage of 15-19 year olds starting to use illicit drugs	53%		Drugs Misuse Database		<i>Drugs Misuse Scotland 06/07</i>
	Number of alcohol related deaths in over 65s	69		Ayrshire & Arran Alcohol Profile		<i>Alcohol Profile 2006 – 2004 figures (Same measure in Safe)</i>
Older and younger people will have less injuries caused in their own homes	Number of emergency admissions as a result of home accidents in under 5s and over 65s	Under 5s – 43 ; Over 65s – 386	-	ISD Scotland (Annual)		<i>ISD Scotland (06/07 figures)</i>
	Number of falls in over 65s	363	-	ISD Scotland (Annual)		<i>ISD Scotland (06/07 figures)</i>
Less people will be killed or injured on roads in South Ayrshire	Rate for hospital admissions due to road crashes in male/female target groups			ISD Scotland (Annual)		<i>Figures to follow</i>
	Reduction in rate for fatal/serious road crashes in the 17-25 age group			Strathclyde Police (Annual)		<i>Figures to follow</i>
Less people will suffer health issues as a result of antisocial behaviour	Number of people experiencing health issues as a result of antisocial behaviour	-	-	Community Safety		<i>No baseline</i>

CONFIDENT

Outcome	Measure	Baseline 2006/07	Baseline 2007/08	Source	Local Target	Comments
South Ayrshire will be a more confident place	Number of community safety initiatives to improve local confidence	-	-	Community Safety		<i>No baseline</i>
Communities will feel more able to make a positive difference in their area						
People in South Ayrshire will feel more confident about their environment	Number of local people involved in community safety initiatives to improve confidence	-	-	Community Safety		<i>No baseline</i>
	Percentage of people rating youth disorder as an issue of high concern in target areas	77%	-	Community Safety Survey		<i>CS Survey – October 2006</i>
Partners and local communities will work better together and will understand and use the problem solving approach	Number of problem solving groups in operation	-	7	Community Safety		<i>Confident sub-groups</i>
Environmental antisocial behaviour issues specific to local areas and groups will be targeted for action	Percentage of people rating environmental health issues (rubbish, flytipping, etc) as an issue of high concern in target areas	25% (2005/06)	-	Scottish Household Survey		<i>Scottish Household Survey 2005/06</i>
	Number of reports of vandalism and graffiti in target areas	2833	2483	Strathclyde Police, Community Safety		<i>Police / ASB / CSO stats</i>

11 : Problem Solving Plans



Problem Solving Process

Title & Version	
Summary/Purpose	
Problem Lead	
Author (if different)	
Organisation	
Date started	
Date completed	

The boxes will expand to fit as your work progresses

Strategic Process

Identify the Demand

Community Planning Partnership, Community Safety Partners, Elected Members

References

Community Safety Strategy

Strategic Purpose

To create a safe, health, confident South Ayrshire

Partnership Agencies

South Ayrshire Council, Strathclyde Police, NHS, ADAT, Strathclyde Fire Service, Procurators Fiscal

Strategic Level Problems/Issues (as at June 2008)

Problem/Issue/Project	CPP Priority	Open	Comments
Safe Ayr	Safe	Y	
Safe Ayr Shore	Safe	Y	
Domestic Abuse	Safe	Y	
Off sales Campaign	Healthy	N	
Class/Club Diamonds	Healthy	Y	
Under Age Discos	Healthy	N	Evaluation completed
Bottle Marking Initiative	Healthy	Y	
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Healthy	Y	
Test Purchasing	Healthy	N	
Re Deployable CCTV	Confident	Y	
Pathfinder / TAYP	Confident	Y	
Streetsport Express	Confident	Y	
Campus Cops	Confident	Y	
Reckless Driving	Confident	Y	

Local Level

Problem/Issue/Project	CPP Priority	Open	Awaits action	Closed
Secondary Schools	Safe	N		
Symington	Safe	N		
Ferguson Street	Safe	N		
Mossblown	Safe	N		
Dundonald	Safe	Y	Y	
Tarbolton	Safe	Y	Y	
The Oval, Prestwick	Safe	Y	Y	
Wallacetoun Fires	Safe	Y	Y	
Rozelle	Safe	Y		

Problems/Issues

Project Process

Identify the Demand

Where/who is it coming from? What do they want?

Drivers

What factors are driving demand?

Problem/Issue

Define it

Aim

What do you want to achieve?

Research & Analysis

What is happening?

Why is it happening?

Who shares your Problem?

Think creatively

What are your Options?

Negotiate & Initiate Responses

The Request

Person/department/partnership requesting the Action (Contact details):
What needs to be done? Why?
When does it need to be started by and finished by?

The Action(s)

Person/department/partnership undertaking the Action (Contact details):
What has been done?
What couldn't be done?
Date action completed:

Response / Action	Responsible person/Group	Prevention Early Intervention & Diversion Engineering Enforcement or Rehabilitation ?	Start date	End date	Est. hrs	Costs
					(Use totals (right) if costing the initiative)	Total: Total:

Evaluation

Did you meet your Aim?

Review

What went well and why? What didn't go well and why?

Success

Celebrate it! How will you pass on good practice?

PEER Approach

Summarise parts of PEER approach used. (Prevention / Early Intervention & Diversion / Engineering / Enforcement / Rehabilitation)

Sign Off

Does anyone need to be told that initiative has been completed?