

Agenda Item No: 5b (2)

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 25TH JANUARY 2024



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Date of last meetings: 29th November 2023

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

Introduction of Firework Exclusion Zones

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

South Ayrshire Council response to introduction of Firework Exclusion Zones to be agreed.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

Building Safer Communities (Reducing violence and anti-social behaviour)

- *Reducing Violence Joint Action Group* (town centre / night-time economy initiatives)
- *Safer Places Joint Action Group* (working with communities to tackle antisocial behaviour and environmental issues)
- *Violence Against Women Joint Action Group* (progressing local work and initiatives to reduce violence against women)

Home, Road and Water Safety (Reducing accidents in our homes, on our roads and on our waterways)

- *Fire, Road, and Water Safety Joint Action Group* (educational initiatives in schools and communities to reduce injury by accident)
- *Inter-generational Joint Action Group* (developing and sharing good practice in relation to generations working together – tackling social isolation and loneliness)

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

LOIP PRIORITIES

Following engagement with SDP members as highlighted previously, the LOIP priorities, along with supporting narrative, which have been put forward for the new LOIP are as follows:

Safer Communities

- We will work in partnership to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour in South Ayrshire by working with our local licensed and hospitality trade, schools, and local communities helping make South Ayrshire a safer place to live.
- We will work in partnership to reduce all forms of violence against women and girls.

Home, Road, and Water Safety

- We will work in partnership to reduce the number of serious accidents at home, on our roads and in our waterways by delivering and promoting a range of safety initiatives.

REDUCING VIOLENCE JAG

The Partnership continues to meet regularly (via Teams) to ensure appropriate sharing of information and forward planning to support increased footfall in South Ayrshire due to events being delivered locally and to support the safety of individuals who attend to enjoy hospitality/night time economy with a particular focus on Ayr and Prestwick. The group's last meeting took place on Monday 13th November 2023. This meeting was the final planning meeting in respect of the Festive campaign involving the deployment of police and

partners. On 30th November the JAG along with other key personnel from SFRS, BTP, Roads Policing and elected members launched the Christmas Campaign. The launch took place within the area of the Cutty Sark, High Street, Ayr. The launch received positive local media publicity.

As part of the festive campaign additional patrols were undertaken throughout the month of December. As a result of this:

- Street Pastors: - Distributed 28 pairs of flip flops, 6 foil blankets, 12 bottles of water, picked up 91 bottles and swept up 10 areas of broken glass.
- First Aiders: - Throughout the reporting period the first aiders attended to 4 individuals who required treatment and had symptoms of concern.
- Collectively the first aiders and street pastors collectively have undertaken 229 ½ hours volunteering in our local communities.
- The presence of partners helps keep people safe and supports local policing. These figures do not capture the number of engagements that they have with vulnerable individuals who have become separated from friends. They will wait with these persons until such times as they can be reunited with their friends/family. They also engage with individuals who are showing signs of distress whether it be intoxicated or homeless. They offer kindness and listen to individuals and sign post them to other local services.
- Local police undertook a total of 339 visits to licensed premises. 130 of these were within the area of Prestwick and Ayr.
- Taxi Marshals –assisted 2117 persons into taxis. It should be noted that this is calculated by number of persons entering taxis.
- The Reducing Violence have commenced the wearing of body worn cameras by both the First Aiders and Taxi Marshals. This pilot will run for a period of 3-6 months and thereafter evaluated accordingly.
- Throughout the festive campaign there was no incidents of serious violence within the area where Operation Inver focuses. The JAG strongly are of the belief this is due to the collaborative and effective deployment of key persons at the correct times.

Throughout January the Street Pastors and First Aiders do not deploy and are given a well-deserved rest.

Safer Places JAG

- Targeted initiatives have taken place in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour in Prestwick, Ayr, Dundonald and Troon in partnership with Police Scotland. This has led to a reduction in complaint from these areas.
- Targeted dog fouling initiatives have taken place in Newton and Heathfield areas of Ayr following concerns raised by Tenants & Residents group and Community Councils. These again have led to a reduction in community complaint re issue. Work in partnership with Environmental Health, Waste Management, Housing and Police.
- Litter Lotto introduced in South Ayrshire, one of the first Local Authorities to embrace. Initiative being promoted through JAG and partnership.
- Targeted engagement has taken place in relation to off road vehicle nuisance in Ayr North and Dundonald. Processes have been put in place to respond to community concerns in relation to off road vehicle nuisance at the earliest opportunity.
- Targeted campaign has taken place in the Dalmling area following increase in secondary fires in the area. Initiative saw engagement with the community, information drops and targeted detached streetwork.
- Annual Bonfirewatch took place in October/November, the success of which saw a continued low level of illegal bonfires set in South Ayrshire.

Violence Against Women & Girls JAG

The last VAWG Joint Action Group meeting took place 17th January 2024. The following key points are as follows:

- Continued implementation of Action plan for group – including calendar of events and national campaigns to focus on and delivery of library of resources.
- Development of Hystayria resource and lesson plan. Working group scheduled to meet January 29th to start this process.
- Input to prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes and behaviour towards women and encouraging being a positive bystander and challenging peers has been developed. This input has been delivered

to Ayr United and at the White Ribbon Trophy during 16 days of action. Further sessions are being arranged.

- 'Imagine A Man' resource on positive masculinity' – this will be developed at future meetings.

The next VAW partnership meeting is scheduled to take place 21st February 2024. The following points should be noted:

- Following equally safe returns Hystayria being included in a national report by Improvement service to highlight good practice.
- Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire work, evaluation of Conference and plan work going forward Including Commercial sexual exploitation training rolled out for all 3 VAWP staff.
- Evaluation and summary of this year's 16 days of action campaign is being developed and will be circulated to VAWP for further comment.
- Highlights- successful Reclaim the night walk with over 250 in attendance, Hystayria pan Ayrshire roadshow, Women's Safety networking event in all warriors gym and White Ribbon trophy.
- VAWP strategy has been updated onto Pentana performance system and all actions will be updated and reported on to the partnership quarterly

Fire, Road & Water Safety JAG

- Feedback was positive on the new resource / input aimed at S5/6 age group in schools. Sessions delivered around hazard perception, wearing of seatbelts, in car distractions and substance misuse. Prestwick Academy and Carrick are booked in for the input.
- Continue to link with Pan Ayrshire Water Safety group, identifying local issues and sharing good practice. Information campaign ran through summer months. Chair Support has joined the PAWS group.
- Bonfire Watch took place from the 20th October to 13th November 2023. The initiative was successful again and from the evaluation there has been a decrease again this year.
- Discussion will take place on S1 Community Safety events / inputs, about the possibility of rolling it out again towards the end of term in spring. As well as Fire, Road and Water Safety, themes will include Rail Safety, Safe Travel, Healthy Relationships and Substance Misuse. Partners involved include Police, SFRS, NHS, Coastguard, BTP and SAC Thriving Communities.

Inter-generational JAG

Due to long term absence and withdrawal for officer support, the main focus of this JAG will be re-establishing structure and meetings, as appropriate to new LOIP priorities. Discussions have taken place as to the positioning and progressing of Intergenerational work within proposed structures. No decision has been taken as to what this will look like.

KEY ISSUES

- Increase in youth related antisocial behaviour throughout the locality;
- Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre;
- Community concerns regarding use of offroad vehicles;
- High levels of complaint in relation to dog fouling and other environmental;
- Road safety issues particularly in relation to younger and older drivers;
- Increase in potential water safety issues due to increase in wild swimming and water-based activities;
- Creation of safe spaces and support for women fleeing violence; and
- Increased household fire risk due to cost-of-living crisis and seasonal cold weather

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

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