

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 27TH OCTOBER 2022



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Date of last meeting: 25th August 2022

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

n/a

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The focus of the SDP going forward continues to be consolidate and promote the work of the Joint Action Groups (JAG's) and ensure that they are developing joint work in support of the key priorities of the CSP.

The SDP will continue to focus on plans and initiatives to promote the safety and wellbeing of local communities and visitors to South Ayrshire.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

CCTV

As part of the Regeneration Project 2022 involving partnership working between South Ayrshire Council (SAC) and Police Scotland ten new re-deployable cameras have been purchased in addition to the static cameras that already form part of SAC public CCTV estate.

The project IS in the process of setting up a Re-deployable Review Board which will include representation from Police Scotland, Thriving Communities (SAC), and Ayrshire Roads Alliance. The board will review and progress on a quarterly basis the strategic location for each re-deployable camera. Locations identified are based around priorities for issues relating to anti-social crime or an increase on criminality.

The Board has in the interim identified 10 key locations where the cameras will be situated. It has been agreed that cameras will remain in situ for a period of approximately 3 months (subject to review).

Moving forward the Board is keen to ensure that other partner agencies are able to submit a request along with their rationale for other locations to be considered. The Board is in the process of creating a request form and process for submission.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Police Scotland Officers in partnership with staff from Thriving Communities and other key partners continue to carry out focussed patrols in areas identified through analysis that have emerging issues relating to anti-social behaviour.

These are also scheduled to take place throughout the school October holidays as well as Halloween and Bonfire Night. Bonfire Watch that has been delivered successfully throughout the previous years will once again take place this year and is scheduled to launch on October 21st. The success of this relies on collaborative working between Police Scotland, SFRS and Thriving Communities.

REDUCING VIOLENCE JAG

The Reducing Violence JAG is currently reviewing the effectiveness of the Operation Inver action plan. This multi-agency coordinated plan involving Thriving Communities, Taxi Marshalls, St Andrews Ambulance, Street Pastors, Licensing and representation from the taxi association focusses on the safety of persons who frequent Prestwick and Ayr to enjoy the weekend hospitality and licensing venues. Through analysis looking at anti-social behaviour, violence and trends relating to areas/premises frequented the group are keen to ensure members are deployed in the right places at the right time to support and promote safety.

The group are active in their deployment every weekend and meet regularly to plan future key dates and events.

CAMPUS OFFICERS/SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS

Thriving Communities and Police Scotland Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) are scoping out the delivery of a community safety event in March 2023. The event will be aimed at S1 young people from all secondary schools in South Ayrshire.

It is proposed that there will be a variety of inputs delivered from key partners including themes around Water Safety, Internet Safety, Road Safety, Drugs and Alcohol, Fire Safety and Rail Safety.

Ongoing discussions are ongoing to also include a workshop/team building input by the Army or SAC outdoor education team. It is anticipated the event will run over 2/3 days. The venue for the event is currently being reviewed with the possibility of the new Riverside Sports Campus being the preferred venue.

Engagement meetings involving schools liaison officers and Thriving Communities are in place. The purpose of these meetings is to identify any ongoing issues, emerging trends as well as to identify opportunities to work collaboratively on any local action plans/initiatives.

SAFER SHORES / WATER SAFETY

Safer Shores 2022 has now concluded. This multi-agency plan involving Police Scotland, British Transport Police, SAS, SFRS, South Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire Civil Contingencies is to safeguard members of the public including visitors who travel to South Ayrshire to enjoy the beaches throughout the summer season. This includes the safe travel of those persons and has a focus on positive engagement reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour or criminality.

As part of Safer Shores 2022 locality officers also delivered bespoke inputs to police schools liaison officers based throughout Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire. The purpose of this was to ensure a coordinated approach in the delivery of key messages to young people prior to the start of the school holidays. The messages/presentations that were delivered included water safety, substance misuse and responsible citizenship.

Once again the key success for 2022 was the relationships that have been formed by those partners to ensure effective collaborative working on the days that the plan is activated. As a result of this South Ayrshire seen very few incidents relating to persons behaviour whilst attending the beaches.

FIRE & ROAD SAFETY JAG

Discussion has taken place around expanding the Fire & Road Safety JAG to incorporate Water Safety. This would further support and enhance the priorities of the group in reducing accidents and deaths specifically in and around water. The proposal to widen the remit and change the name of this JAG will be submitted to the CSP for consideration and ratification.

Contact has also been made and established with the Pan Ayrshire Water Safety Group (PAWS). PAWS is able to offer information around national trends and concerns.

FIRE SAFETY / BONFIREWATCH

Bonfire Watch 2022 is due to launch on Friday 21st October. This initiative will run until Monday 14th November. This is a partnership approach to identifying and removing illegal/unlicensed bonfires throughout South Ayrshire in advance of the 5th of November. This proactive approach ensures the safety of communities and the

reduction of calls to emergency services. Analysis shows that fires attended by SFRS have reduced from 30+ per year throughout the peak times of the build up to Bonfire Night to 5 fires per year over the last 4 years. A coordinated communication strategy with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Police Scotland, Thriving Communities, and Trading Standards will be delivered throughout this period.

ROAD SAFETY

Following agreement from the CSP it has been agreed that the annual road safety event Reckless Driving Wrecks Lives targeted at S5/S6 young people should be reviewed with a view to being delivered in 2023.

This event helps engage young people who are in the early stages of applying for provisional driving licences to have an increased awareness on how behaviours can influence driver safety. The event is delivered using video clips based on a real life road traffic collision. It also has a variety of key speakers from emergency services as well as a survivor of a road traffic collision speaking about their personal experience. The event is powerful, though provoking and engaging. The key priority for this is to empower young people to always drive safely taking into consideration the impact of other external influences such as other persons in the car, peer influence, weather conditions and hazards on the road.

This event was previously successfully delivered and was attended by all young people (S5/S6) from across Ayrshire. The event was last delivered in 2019 and thereafter paused due to the covid pandemic. Due to the costings for the delivery of the event it has been agreed that the priority will be for South Ayrshire young people to attend and not Pan Ayrshire as to what was delivered previously.

Wider discussions are ongoing with a view to scoping out the possibility of the creation of a new more modern video resource. It is anticipated that this is a longer term piece of work and is unlikely to be in place for the 2023 event.

JOINT ACTION GROUPS

Meetings have taken place with the Chair and support officer for all of the JAG's. The purpose of the meetings was to ensure all groups remain effective and have a clear understanding of their priorities and remit as well as to offer guidance and support.

Some of the groups have been less effective throughout covid as well as a number of Chairs/members have been redeployed/no longer in post.

All of the meetings have been productive and worthwhile. The groups have been encouraged to ensure regular meetings as well as having an increased awareness of the importance of joint action plans. Terms of Reference for each group are also in the process of being created.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Violence Against Women Partnership has developed a new strategy for period 2022 – 2025. The strategy will be presented to CSP and CPP for comment and ratification.

The Violence Against Women JAG will sit separately from VAWP, and will develop work, projects and initiatives locally in South Ayrshire, as well as supporting and promoting national campaigns.

Planning is underway in preparation for this year's White Ribbon Campaign and 16 days of action.

KEY ISSUES

Planning is underway in preparation for a variety of events scheduled to take place across South Ayrshire.

30th October/31st October – TamFest & Halloween

21st October – 7th November - Operation Moonbeam / Bonfire Watch – Fireworks and bonfire nights scheduled throughout South Ayrshire

13th November – Armistice Day – Parades scheduled throughout South Ayrshire

25th November – Start of White Ribbon Campaign and 16 Days of Action

28th November – Official launch of the Christmas and New Year Safety Initiative (This annual initiative includes focussed patrols covering retail, hospitality and the licensed trade. A communication strategy will also be in place to ensure personal safety and business security advice throughout the festive period)

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Police Scotland has a dedicated Wellbeing Department comprising of local officers who identify, engage and support local individuals and families who have been identified as vulnerable or at risk in an effort to improve the outcomes of those individuals. This work is delivered in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, SFRS and other third sector organisations. It continues to have a particular focus on individuals and families living in Wallacetown.

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