

**To: HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE & ERSKINE LOCAL
 AREA COMMITTEE**

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Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
 PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on activities the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership has carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine area in quarter 1 (1 April – 30 June 2016). A number of partners have provided statistical information, including: Police Scotland; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; and Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. The report includes information on:

- Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine community safety statistics;
 - Environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
 - Protecting vulnerable residents;
 - Building safer communities;
 - Diversionary activities;
 - A spotlight on Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).
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2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Committee note the content of this progress update report.

3. Focus on Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine

- 3.1 The table below details the number of incidents reported in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area during Quarter 1, 2016/17 (April to June 2016). The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continues to target resources into identified hotspot areas. The table highlights that although incidents reported, possibly seasonal, increased in this quarter, figures remain low.

Incidents Reported	Q1 2015/16			Q1 2016/17		
	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Serious Violent Crime	3	1	1	4	-	1
Minor Assault	16	9	15	21	11	10
Drug Crime	23	2	12	32	4	9
Disorder and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) (number of calls)	199	78	164	220	66	229
Vandalism	24	10	9	40	12	23

- 3.2 In Ward 9, increases were noted within Drug Crime, Anti Social Behaviour / Disorder calls, and Vandalism. Further analysis of Drug Crime has highlighted a hotspot area, but no specific repeat addresses or locations. As with other LAC areas, the main cause would appear to be a seasonal increase in recreational drug use. The main cause of the increase in Anti Social Behaviour / Disorder calls was youths gathering and drinking in the area of Wilson Avenue, Linwood. This particular location receives a range of interventions/visits from Youth Officers, Police and CCTV staff with other specific measures being considered with partner agencies to deal with repeat offenders. There were no notable repeat locations or victims of vandalism; however peak days were noted as Fridays and Saturdays between 1800hrs and 2200hrs.
- 3.3 In Ward 11, increases were noted within Anti Social Behaviour /Disorder calls, and Vandalism. The main increase is Anti Social Behaviour and disorder calls was Public Nuisance calls, with a notable repeat location identified at Bargarran Shopping Centre. This issue peaked during early April with a coordinated response from Community Safety Partners including increased patrolling from Wardens and Police, and increased activity and interventions by local Youth Officers and Street Stuff. This has met with significant success, with only one further complaint of Public Nuisance received from this location since 27th May 2016.
- 3.4 **Renfrewshire Wardens' Antisocial Behaviour Calls**
98 antisocial behaviour calls were received by the Renfrewshire Wardens' service for the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC area during April to June 2016. This is an increase compared to the same period in 2015 which also corresponds with the increase of incidents reported to Police Scotland. 984 patrols took place within the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC area, many in response to these calls. The calls made to the Wardens also assist the

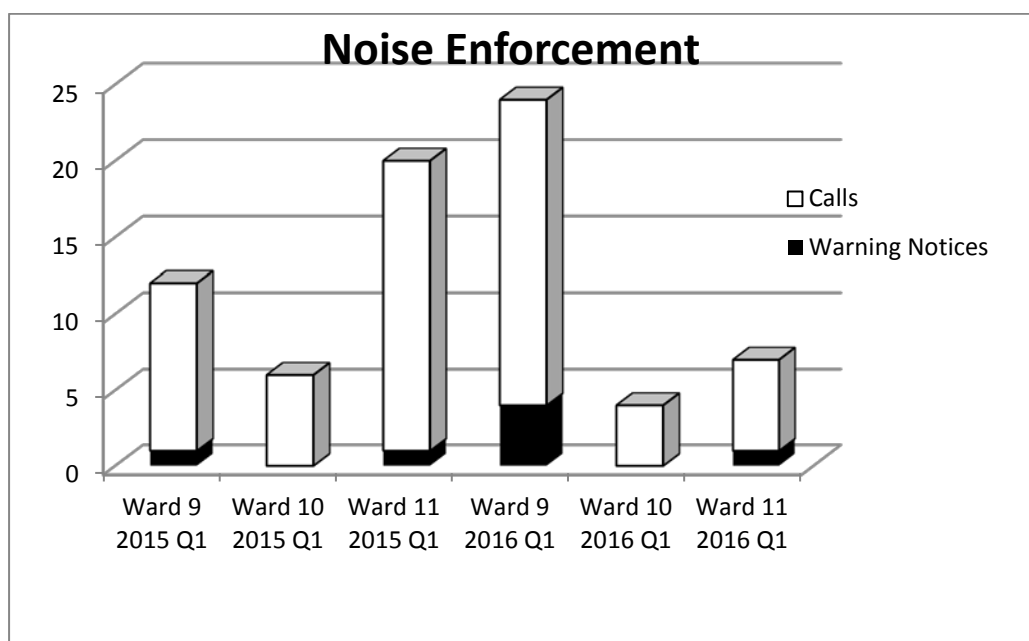
Community Safety Partnership to respond to and direct resources across Renfrewshire.

3.5 Linwood Community Sponsorship initiative

Police Scotland and the Community Safety Youth Team embarked in a new joint working diversionary project with a group of young people from Linwood. This project is attempting to address low-level crime such as vandalism and disorder. A group of Linwood teenagers took part in a three week golfing course at the Castle Golf range in Johnstone, through thanks to funding from the Police Mutual Assurance Society 'Force for Good' Community Sponsorship initiative. Each youth was individually coached by a PGA teaching professional with a final competition where everyone was presented with a certificate for displaying a variety of skills. The programme allowed Community Safety Partnership officers to engage with young people to discuss the importance of community values.

3.6 Noise Enforcement

During April to June 2016, the number of calls to the Noise Team increased in Ward 9. There has been an increase in the issuing of Warning Notices which corresponds to the rise in calls. However, the warning process continues to show that early intervention is working well, with no Fixed Penalty Notices being required for continued excessive noise.



3.7 Noise Action Week

Noise Action Week to raise awareness of noise, took place on 23-28 May 2016 to raise awareness of noise. Noise Action Week was co-ordinated by Environmental Protection UK who assist the work undertaken by professionals in noise management. The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership supported the initiative by sending messages via social media to highlight noise legislation, enforcement action and services provided by the Community Safety Partnership. In May 2016, the service received 108 noise complaints that are being followed up.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

4.1 Rapid Response Team

The Rapid Response Team has been undertaking daily environmental enforcement patrols within the wider Renfrewshire area. Strong links have been established with local businesses and community groups working together to address environmental issues affecting specific areas. Since April 2016 the team have:

- Carried out over 200 investigations of environmental crime including flytipping, backcourt dumping, trade waste, litterbins, flyposting, graffiti and street litter
- Issued 7 Section 34 Notices and 2 FPNs for littering issues;
- Uplifted and disposed of over 4 tonnes of waste.

4.2 Community Clean Ups

The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continue to support community groups and school pupils to do their bit for Renfrewshire by providing the interested groups with litter pickers, graffiti removal kits and by arranging uplift of any rubbish collected. 21 litter picks / clean ups were conducted in Renfrewshire during March-June 2016.

(If you are interested in planning a community clean up please contact us on 0300 300 0380 or litterpicks@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

5 Protecting the Vulnerable

5.1 Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

The Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process has been established within Renfrewshire since October 2015. Safe Lives, the domestic violence charity, will carry out a full evaluation once MARAC has been operational for 12 months however an interim review of referrals has been carried out with the overview highlighting:

- 4 of the referrals have been suitable for the perpetrator to be referred to the Multi Agency Tasking & Coordinating meeting (MATAC);
- In the 77 referrals to MARAC, there have been 98 children discussed, with appropriate actions being taken from the meeting to safeguard the children from further harm;
- Of the 98 children discussed within the process, 30 were of pre-school age, 48 were Primary school age, 16 Secondary school age, 3 aged 16-18 and 1 aged over 18;
- From the 77 referrals, 100% are where domestic abuse occurred within a male and female relationship.

5.2 Renfrewshire has already been recognised by Safe Lives as having developed a solid foundation around the introduction of MARAC and has been recommending the approach as a good practice model to other Local Authorities. Currently Renfrewshire is assisting East Renfrewshire Council and Inverclyde Council to help them establish their own MARAC, sharing good practice and ensuring useful continuity of working practices throughout the Police division locally.

5.3 **I Am Me/Keep Safe**

The I Am Me project was a key speaker at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services Hate Crime Conference in Glasgow in March 2016. I Am Me promoted their new teaching and training resources, showing clips from their Primary School Resource films to an audience of around 300 people.

5.4 The I Am Me CineBus was launched on the 13th July 2016. The bus will be used to raise awareness of Disability Hate Crime by showing films within schools and to groups across Scotland. This mobile cinema/theatre is supported by Renfrewshire Council and will be made available for Community Safety events locally. The bus was donated by Stagecoach and funded through the Keys to Life Development Fund.

5.5 The Keep Safe initiative works in partnership with Police Scotland and is supported by the Crown Office. The latest Renfrewshire premises to sign up to Keep Safe are Blend Coffee, Hamishes Hoose, Yorkshire Building Society and Gilmour Street Train Station. There are currently over 140 Keep Safe premises across Renfrewshire. The initiative also operates in Edinburgh, Inverclyde, Borders and Dumfries and Galloway and is in the process of being adopted in the three Ayrshire Councils, East Dunbartonshire, Aberdeen, Dundee and Perth & Kinross.

5.6 **Private Rented Housing Improvements**

New powers, as reported to the Housing & Community Safety Policy Board in May 2016, introduced by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 are being used to deal with private sector landlords who are not maintaining the physical condition of their property. Landlords who do not meet appropriate standards and conditions can be reported to the Private Rented Housing Panel who can impose sanctions and require that the property condition is improved. This is key to improving the standards of accommodation within the private rented sector - especially accommodation used by the most vulnerable members of our community. There is a disproportionate degree of disrepair in the private rented sector relative to other types of housing tenure, especially for residents affected by poverty and this has been recognised by the Council's Tackling Poverty Strategy which has funded the appointment of a temporary enforcement officer to work specifically in relation to this activity.

5.7 **No Substitute for Life**

The 5th annual No Substitute for Life 7-a-side football tournament was held in Ferguslie Park Sports Centre on 26th June 2016. It brings the community together to raise awareness of suicide, and the services and support available to people in crisis. It also challenges stigma. The annual event established by a local Ferguslie resident raises awareness of the issue from personal experience of losing close friends to

suicide. The No Substitute for Life tournament was supported by Street Stuff activities and attended by hundreds of footballers and supporters on the day.

6. Building Safer Communities

6.1 Operation Monarda

The Trading Standards and Licensing Team supported the Police Scotland led the bi-annual “Operation Monarda” campaign to tackle doorstep crime. Roadstops were undertaken on arterial routes throughout Renfrewshire, to disrupt and deter rogue traders. Suspected traders were stopped by Traffic Police and drivers were challenged to provide their identities. Contract paperwork was checked and advice and guidance was issued where required. Teams consisting of officers from Trading Standards and Police Scotland also patrolled known doorstep crime “hotspot” areas and tradespeople undertaking work on people’s homes were challenged to ensure compliance with consumer protection legislation. Positively, no rogue traders were found in the course of this work and traders who were subject to challenge welcomed this approach to regulating their business sector and protecting and supporting legitimate businesses.

6.2 Daily Tasking Review

The Community Safety Hub holds a daily tasking meeting to review community safety incidents which have occurred over the past twenty-four hours and tasks them to the relevant partners. This collaborative partnership enables information sharing and pooling of resources to tackle antisocial behaviour and other issues throughout Renfrewshire. In September 2015, a positive evaluation highlighted that Daily Tasking was a very successful joint working partnership approach which now processes over 5,000 referrals per year. This is supported by regular attendance of all key partners including the Health and Social Care Partnership and particular benefits have been seen in supporting earlier interventions in instances where individuals are particularly vulnerable for example due to mental health problems.

6.3 Spring / Summer Events, 2016

During April-August 2016, the Community Safety Partnership including wardens, CCTV and Street Stuff have been supporting various spring/summer events throughout Renfrewshire. This included major national events like the British Pipe Band Championship and Colourfest 2016, the dance festival at Braehead. In addition, they also attended more local events such as Paisley Food Festival, Sma Shot Day, The County Grand Orange Lodge Parade, Building Safer Greener Communities events in Ferguslie Park, local gala days and the Armed Forces Day at Paisley Abbey. The wardens provided the Safe Bus and the CCTV vehicle at many of these events. Meanwhile, Street Stuff was in attendance at the family orientated events like the gala days, providing football and dance activities for young people to participate in.

6.4 The Fire Reach Programme

The Fire Reach programme is delivered by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Community Safety Youth Team. The course targets young people who have come to the attention of the Community Safety Hub through their involvement in fire

related offences. This intensive one week course focuses on raising the awareness of participants about the impact of deliberate fire raising and antisocial behaviour and promotes team building. The last 2 courses took place during May and June 2016 with 24 young people participating. The number of deliberate fires attended by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service across Renfrewshire is higher in 2016 so far when compared to 2015. As a result the Partnership have increased the number of Fire Reach courses to tackle this issue.

7. **Diversionsary Activities**

7.1 **Street Stuff**

The Street Stuff programme continues to be delivered throughout Renfrewshire and continues to go from strength to strength. To date over 13,000 attendances have been recorded at core activities with around 170 attendances per day at summer holiday activities. Street Stuff's annual Football Festival was held at the Paisley 2021 Stadium during May. Young people aged between 10 and 16 years old competed in 5-a-side games on the main pitch at the Paisley 2021 Stadium. To coincide with the football, Street Stuff's first Dance-Clubbercise class was delivered in the Stadium's new supporters' lounge. Both events were free which helped to increase the total number of participants to a record attendance of 375 on the night.

7.2 Street Stuff Dance has introduced free Cheerleading classes for all abilities every Wednesday from 6-8pm at Paisley 2021 Stadium. These classes are for anyone aged 8 to 18, giving young people the opportunity to learn new routines, tricks, make new friends and have fun. Last season the Cheerleaders led out the teams for a few games and will be a key feature for the coming football season backing St Mirren team in every Championship home match.

7.3 Over the summer, Street Stuff has been working with young people to develop 2 new buses to be added to their programme of activities with particular links to the Partnership bid for City of Culture, Paisley 2021. 300 young people have been consulted on what they would like to see on the buses with activities including; music, DJ decks, song writing, recording, media, broadcasting, and production as well as traditional gaming scoring high on the list. In addition, young people are working with Street Threads to design the overall wrap combining Street Stuff & Paisley 2021 branding with images of new activities that will be available board. It is anticipated that both new buses will be operational for the autumn/winter 2016 programme.

7.4 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC area from April to June 2016:

Venue	Attendance
Our Lady of Peace Primary Football & Youth Bus	746
Inchinnan Primary Youth Bus	114
Bargarran Football, Youth Bus	1464
Bridge of Weir Primary Youth Bus	58
Total	23822,382

- 7.5 During the 6 week summer holidays, daytime activities have been delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in Erskine and Tuesdays & Thursdays in Linwood with the delivery of activities and the provision of a healthy meal. The introduction of dance to these activities has proven to be a success and evening classes are being considered in the new block of activities. A verbal update will be provided on the night with the most up to date information.
- 7.6 Funding from this LAC in 2016/17 has also allowed Street Stuff to increase the number of sessions being delivered from 6 sessions over 3 days per week to 15 sessions over 7 days per week in comparison with the same period last year. They have also supported local fun days at Barsail and the Parkmains Festival and are available for any other gala days/fetes over the next year.

(Details of Street Stuff activities are available on the council's website using the following link <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2381/Street-Stuff> and copies of the up to date timetable will be available at the next meeting.)

8 Public Protection Spotlight – Getting It Right For Every Child

- 8.1 Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) is the National approach to improving the services that support the wellbeing of children and young people in Scotland. It is an approach that has several principles at its core. GIRFEC:
- puts the best interests of the child or young person at the heart of decision making;
 - takes a holistic approach to the wellbeing of a child;
 - builds on strengths and capacities of children, young people and their families to improve wellbeing;
 - advocates preventative work and early intervention to support children, young people and their families, and, wherever possible to reduce the need for statutory interventions; and
 - builds on developing strong universal services with additional services brought in where required to meet the needs of children, young people and families
- 8.2 The GIRFEC approach ensures that services are brought together more effectively to provide help and support for children, young people and their parents when they need it. The approach supports children's and young people's rights, involving children and young people wherever possible in any decisions that affect them and helping services to support parents while respecting parents' rights and responsibilities for bringing up their children. It recognises that most children and young people usually get the support they need from their parents, wider families and communities and from universal services like health and education.

- 8.3 Children and families can experience difficulties which may affect wellbeing; the approach ensures that children, young people and their parents have a single point of contact if and when they need additional advice or support. The approach recognises parents' role as the primary carers of their children and ensures that parents and families retain control, other than in exceptional circumstances, for example where there are child protection concerns, in which case existing child protection procedures would apply. The approach is based on children, young people and their parents working in partnership with the services that can help and support them.
- 8.4 The GIRFEC approach will lead to early and effective intervention at any point in a child's life where it is necessary to improve wellbeing outcomes. By acting to support wellbeing as soon as unmet needs or concerns are identified and well before crisis points are reached, the approach ensures that every child is supported in a timely and proportionate way.

(Information for public is available on the Scottish Government website <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright> and Renfrewshire Council website: <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2937/Getting-It-Right-For-Every-Child>).

Scottish Government will circulate information leaflets and posters to local authority areas shortly and these will be available in schools, health centres and social work offices (they are currently available electronically on the Council website)).

Implications of this Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan**

Safer and Stronger – The activities set out within this report contribute to ensuring that Renfrewshire is a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection, are free from crime and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected.

Greener – Activities set out in this report contribute towards developing the quality of the environment of Renfrewshire in a sustainable way ensuring it is clean, green and safe for all residents and visitors.

4. **Legal** – none.
5. **Property/Assets** – none.

6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health And Safety** – none.
9. **Procurement** – none.
10. **Risk** – none.
11. **Privacy Impact** – none.

List of Background Papers - none

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