



**To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

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**Report by:**

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Strategic Development of the Safer & Stronger Action Plan**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the recent review of the governance arrangements for public protection in Renfrewshire and highlights the implications for the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board in terms of the development of the Safer & Stronger Action Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Renfrewshire Safer & Stronger Board:

- a) notes the review of governance arrangements for public protection in Renfrewshire;
- b) notes the implications arising from the review for the Renfrewshire Safer & Stronger Thematic Board; and
- c) agrees a future work plan which reflects the work programme arising from the review and the associated strategic priorities for Renfrewshire.

**3. Review of the Governance Arrangements for Public Protection in Renfrewshire**

- 3.1 There have been significant structural changes in recent years across the public sector both locally and nationally, which have implications for lines of reporting and accountability in relation to public protection. In addition there has been

consolidation of the focus on wider community safety and public protection issues, underpinned by the development of significant inter-agency working.

- 3.2 In recognition of the changing landscape the Chief Officer's Group members considered that there was a need for a review of the existing governance arrangements for public protection to ensure they remain effective and fit for purpose, and to ensure that the Chief Officer's Group continued to be able to effectively discharge its leadership and scrutiny role.
- 3.2 The review was undertaken between August and November 2015. The report on the findings and recommendations was received in December 2015 and was considered by the Chief Officer's Group at a special meeting on 22 January 2016.
- 3.3 The review included a draft Terms of Reference for the consideration of Chief Officer's Group members. This established the core purpose of the Chief Officer's Group as providing strategic leadership across the three statutory partners, together with scrutiny of performance, and ensuring effective multi-agency working in the discharge of its public protection responsibilities.
- 3.4 The report also made a number of key recommendations regarding the design and function of the Chief Officers Group as well as additional recommendations regarding strategic and operational groups.
- 3.5 Following publication of the review, the Chief Officer's Group members agreed that the chairs or equivalent senior officer responsible for each of the strategic areas would submit, for consideration to the next meeting of the Chief Officers Group, their proposals for future reporting and a work programme as recommended in the review report.
- 3.6 A draft reporting structure and work programme was subsequently prepared for the Chief Officer's Group. It was suggested that in order to satisfy the revised remit of the Chief Officer's Group, update reports reflecting the standing items recommended in the independent review should be provided to each meeting of the Chief Officer's Group to address:
  - Community safety and public protection;
  - Child protection;
  - Adult protection;
  - Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA); and

- A report from the Integration Joint Board to address specifically the activity and issues relevant from the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and the Gender Based Violence Strategy Group.

3.7 It was also agreed that the Chief Officer's Group should receive an annual report on MAPPA presented to each November meeting of the Chief Officer's Group with a biennial report on adult protection being presented to every second February meeting of the Chief Officer's Group.

3.8 It was further recommended that additional reporting would be required dependent on current activity to ensure that Chief Officer's Group members remained alert to current developments and issues relating to the strategic areas of activity. This would include national developments and critical cases as required. The anticipated reporting structure for 2016 has now been agreed as follows:

<b>COG Meeting</b>	<b>Anticipated Reporting</b>
February 2016	<b>Scheduled Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety and Public Protection Update</li> <li>• Child Protection Update</li> <li>• Adult Protection Update</li> <li>• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements Update</li> </ul>
	<b>Additional reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised COG TOR, action plan and governance structure</li> <li>• TORs of reporting groups</li> <li>• Proposed Future Reporting to COG</li> <li>• Public Protection – Review of Monthly Tasking</li> </ul>
May 2016	<b>Scheduled Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety and Public Protection Update</li> <li>• Child Protection Update</li> <li>• Adult Protection Update</li> <li>• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements Update</li> <li>• Alcohol and Drugs Partnership/Gender Based Violence Update (Integration Joint Board)</li> </ul>
	<b>Additional reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Protection - Daily Tasking Review Implementation</li> <li>• Integrity/Serious Organised Crime and Counter Corruption Strategy</li> <li>• Public Protection - Performance Scrutiny Information</li> <li>• Consideration of Ministerial Statement on Child Protection</li> <li>• Consideration of child protection data suite</li> <li>• Extension of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements</li> <li>• Outcome of actions to address Fatal Accident Inquiry Recommendations</li> </ul>

August 2016	<p><b>Scheduled Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety and Public Protection Update</li> <li>• Child Protection Update</li> <li>• Adult Protection Update</li> <li>• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements Update</li> <li>• Alcohol and Drugs Partnership/Gender Based Violence Update (Integration Joint Board)</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counter Terrorism - Prevent Strategy</li> <li>• Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference scheme</li> <li>• Child Protection Committee Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Development of Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub including Better Regulation and Enforcement</li> <li>• Violet Cloud II civil contingencies exercise out turn report</li> </ul>
November 2016	<p><b>Scheduled Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety and Public Protection Update</li> <li>• Child Protection Update</li> <li>• Adult Protection Update</li> <li>• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements Update</li> <li>• Alcohol and Drugs Partnership/Gender Based Violence Update (Integration Joint Board)</li> <li>• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements annual report</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Public Protection Performance Scrutiny Information</li> </ul>

#### 4. **Future Safer & Stronger Work Programme**

4.1 The review of governance arrangements and subsequent development of a reporting framework and work programme for the Chief Officer's Group has significant implications for Renfrewshire's Safer & Stronger Thematic Board.

4.2 The future work programme for the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board should be shaped by developments outlined above for the Chief Officer's Group as well as incorporating Renfrewshire's key short to medium term strategic priorities. In terms of developing the Safer & Stronger Action Plan this will include:  
Outcome 1: Renfrewshire is known as a place where people living, working and visiting feel safe and secure.

- We will further develop the Building Safer Greener Communities Programme which seeks a flourishing, optimistic Renfrewshire in which resilient communities, families and individuals live their lives safe from crime, disorder and harm;

- Support Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Strategy through an expanded Street Stuff diversionary programme and the joint employability initiative with Police Scotland; and
- Continue to support the Town Centre Strategies which ensure that our town centres thrive and meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors. In Paisley will ensure that there is a focus on developing the night time economy and enhancing the public realm as the basis for support to the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid.

Outcome 2: Our communities live their lives safe from violence and antisocial behaviour and have a responsible approach to accessing and using alcohol

- Develop phase 2 of Renfrewshire's Community Safety Partnership Hub which will focus on further integration of services to be located within the hub such as key holding facilities, community alarm response, development of the radio link system, concierge and out of hours service. Further development of the partnership will provide a focus for national priorities including Gender Based Violence, Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), and Scotland's Missing Persons Strategy as well as providing a focus for diversionary services.
- Work together to ensure the smooth transition of Community Justice; and
- Continue to tackle alcohol misuse and the impact it has on individuals, families and communities.

Outcome 3: All members of our community, in particular our most vulnerable children, young people and adults, live in a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment where they are respected and free from abuse and neglect

- Maintain our strong track record of protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities who are vulnerable to exploitation or crime; and
- Working in partnership to Build Safer Greener Communities with a holistic approach to deliver a balance of enforcement, engagement and public reassurance.

Outcome 4: Renfrewshire citizens are positive, support equality and value diversity to achieve fairness for all within our communities

- Continue to support equality and diversity and foster good relations between diverse communities;

- Encourage individual and third party reporting of hate crime incidents.

4.3 Taking forward and building on this challenging agenda will require a continued focus on effective partnership working, a clear ability to make effective links between partner strategies, agreed outcomes and continued awareness of national developments which impact on the Safer & Stronger Action Plan.

4.4 It is recommended that a scheduled programme of Key Spotlight Issues should be considered for the next three Safer & Stronger Boards. The spotlights will provide partners with an opportunity to:

- update the Board on the progress they have made towards achieving the key milestones; and
- highlight the key actions they will undertake to meet milestone targets.

The following work programme for 2016 is recommended for consideration:

<b>Safer &amp; Stronger Board</b>	<b>Reporting</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>
May	<b>Spotlight Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol and Drugs Partnership/ Gender Based Violence</li> <li>• Hate Crime</li> </ul>	Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, Renfrewshire Council  Police Scotland I Am Me/Keep Safe Project Manager, Renfrewshire Council
	<b>Additional Reporting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling Poverty – Street Stuff Diversionary programme and Joint Employability initiative with Police Scotland</li> <li>• Public Protection - Daily Tasking Review Implementation</li> <li>• Integrity/Serious Organised Crime and Counter Corruption Strategy</li> <li>• Consideration of Ministerial Statement on Child Protection</li> </ul>	Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, Renfrewshire Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements</li> </ul>	Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, Renfrewshire Council
August	<b>Spotlight Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Protection – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- update new RAPC inter-agency Strategy and Improvement Plan;</li> <li>- Adult Protection awareness campaigns</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference</li> </ul>	Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, Renfrewshire Council / Integration Joint Board  Police Scotland
	<b>Additional Reporting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counter Terrorism – Prevent Strategy</li> <li>• Purple Flag Update</li> <li>• Update on developing Phase 2 of the Community Safety Partnership Hub</li> </ul>	Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council
November	<b>Spotlight Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Safer Communities</li> </ul>	Police Scotland
	<b>Additional Reporting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the implementation of the Community Justice Bill</li> <li>• Children looked after away from home</li> <li>• Adult Protection Committee Update</li> </ul>	Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  Independent Chair of Adult & Child Protection Committee

## 5. Resources

- 5.1 The Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Action Plan identifies the resources requirements for each individual action.

## 6. Prevention

- 6.1 The Action Plan framework allows the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board to plan resources and direct investment towards prevention and early intervention.

## **7. Community Involvement/Engagement**

- 7.1 The Action Plan has been developed through the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board and sub groups whereby the third sector is widely represented.

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