

To: JOHNSTONE AND VILLAGES 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 Johnstone and Villages area in quarter 1 (1 April – 30 June 2017). 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:

- Johnstone and Villages community safety statistics;
 - Environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
 - Protecting vulnerable residents;
 - Building safer communities;
 - Diversionary activities;
 - A spotlight on the National Strategic Assessment on Unintentional Harm.
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2. Recommendations

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

3. Focus on Johnstone and Villages

- 3.1 The table below details the number of incidents reported in the Johnstone & Villages Local Area during Quarter 1, 2017/18 (1 April to 30 June 2017). The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continues to target resources into identified hotspot areas.

Incidents Reported	Q1 2016/17		Q1 2017/18	
	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 8	Ward 9
Serious Violent Crime	2	8	9	3
Minor Assault	28	33	28	15
Drug Crime	27	51	12	24
Disorder and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) (number of calls)	216	290	278	221
Vandalism	33	42	35	21

- 3.2 Following recent boundary changes, a number of Council wards within Renfrewshire have been altered. This has resulted in an increase in the number of Wards. The main consequence of this is that it is not now possible to provide a comparison between current crime and disorder incident data and previously published LAC data. However, it has been possible to provide comparative analysis with historic data by applying the new boundaries to both current and historic datasets within the ArcGIS mapping resource.
- 3.3 **Ward 8:** A reduction was noted within drugs crimes, however increases were noted within three of the other five crime/incident types, whilst minor assaults remained static with 28 crimes recorded. Serious violent crime increased to 9 crimes however remains at a very low overall level with no repeat victims or locations identified. Crimes of vandalism also increased, however only by a very small number of incidents which were subsequently identified as linked to vandalism of motor vehicles. There were no repeat victims or locations of note.
- 3.4 **Ward 9:** Significant reductions were noted across all five incident types, with four of these reducing by more than half in comparison to the corresponding quarterly reporting period last year. Disorder and anti-social behaviour calls reduced by 24%, dropping from 290 incidents to 221.

New Community Policing Model

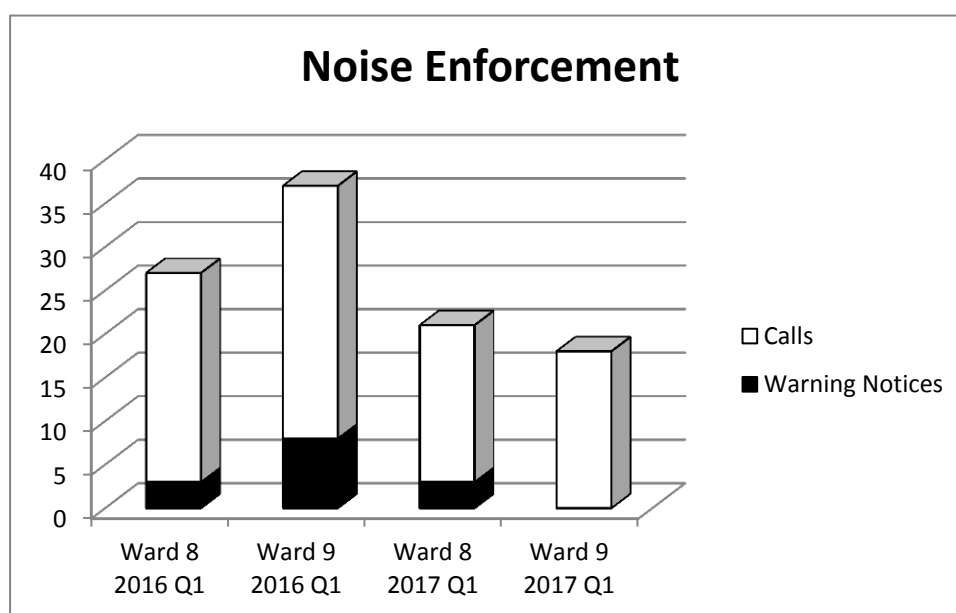
- 3.5 The new community Policing model (introduced on 4 April 2017) has been instrumental in enhancing partnership working with a more holistic approach being implemented to both deter and detect crime. Joint initiatives over the last quarter across Renfrewshire have successfully disrupted historic hotspot areas for antisocial behaviour and are allowing for consistency in addressing neighbour disputes with Officer's regularly attending daily partnership meetings.

Renfrewshire Wardens' Antisocial Behaviour Calls

- 3.6 96 antisocial behaviour calls were received by the Renfrewshire Wardens' service for the Johnstone and Villages LAC area during 1 April – 30 June 2017 which is a similar figure compared to the corresponding period in 2016. 826 patrols took place within the Johnstone and Villages LAC area, many in response to these calls. The antisocial behaviour calls made to the Wardens help the Community Safety Partnership to respond to and direct resources across Renfrewshire.

Noise Enforcement

- 3.7 During 1 April – 30 June 2017, the overall number of calls to the Noise Team reduced compared to the same period last year in both wards. The number of Warning Notices issued also reduced in line with the number of calls received.



4. Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

The Rapid Response Team

- 4.1 The Rapid Response Team (RRT) continues to improve the environment by investigating and removing small scale flytipping and investigating environmental crime throughout Renfrewshire.
- 4.2 The Team also monitor identified areas for environmental issues. Former hot-spots have stopped being the subject of flytipping complaints since the commencement of routine patrols. Since January 2017, the team has:
- Provided assistance to the StreetScene teams providing backup and emptying bins council-wide;
 - Lettered residents of specific problem areas advising of bin collection days;
 - Removed around 4.5 tonnes of waste;
 - Conducted over 250 investigations of environmental crime including flytipping, backcourt dumping, trade waste, litterbins, flyposting, graffiti and street litter;
 - Issued 4 Duty of Care Notices for the production of waste contracts.

5. Protecting Vulnerable Residents

Renfrewshire Community Safety Hub & Integrated CCTV Control Room

- 5.1 In April 2017, the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub extended the previous successful pilot of 24hr operating hours of the CCTV Control Room on a temporary basis.
- 5.2 The 24 hour operation allows situations that occurred out with previous working arrangements to be monitored and during these times the Operators have noted and responded to issues such as begging and rough sleeping. Monitoring of traffic congestion during early mornings is being used to assist with the natural flow of traffic, with the Police and Wardens updated before congestion adversely impacts on pedestrians and commuters to ensure traffic flow is maintained. The success of 24 hour operations will continue to be monitored and reviewed with information and data now being collected on numbers of calls handled, numbers and types of incidents dealt with and positive lines of enquiry supported.

I Am Me/Keep Safe

- 5.3 Following the success of the I Am Me Cinebus tour last year, with nearly 7,000 pupils participating, the programme has been further developed to include new resources, including a book developed by the team. A new tour is currently being programmed and will run from August 2017 until June 2018, reaching around 12,000 primary school pupils across Renfrewshire to discuss disability, bullying and hate crime.
- 5.4 Designed and developed in Renfrewshire, Keep Safe is now being rolled out across Scotland in partnership with Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. To date, there are 276 Keep Safe places across 25 local authority areas in Scotland. I Am Me are currently working with 10 local authorities to support the roll out of Keep Safe.
- 5.5 The Keep Safe Scotland “phone app” has now been launched and is free to download from iOS and Android. The app can be used to plan routes, highlighting all Keep Safe places and provide details including opening hours, website and telephone number. The app is linked to Police Scotland to dial 101 or 999 with an approximate location displayed allowing officers to find the app user if they are lost or in distress. A link is provided for all local authorities in Scotland, with the option to provide details for community safety events and contacts. The Keep Safe places are being linked with Police Scotland A-Z system to provide additional support, if required.
- 5.6 Disability hate crime awareness training is also delivered to disability groups and businesses across Renfrewshire who participate in the Keep Safe initiative.

6. Building Safer Communities

- 6.1 Erskine is the latest area to be selected for the Building Safer Communities Programme. This is the third area within Renfrewshire to be identified after Ferguslie

and Gallowhill during 2016. Consultation and engagement work with the community is now being carried out with views being sought on the issues that the community would like to address and improve on. Over 300 responses have now been received and key priorities coming forward include a focus on Bargarran and options for tackling youth disorder.

- 6.2 Work has already begun. During the weekends in June and July 2017, an initiative was put in place to educate and inform the public about the dangers of alcohol and increase public confidence and reassurance that Police Scotland and partner agencies are committed to resolving this problem. Police Officers (mounted, plain clothed & cycle patrols); Wardens and youth officers were deployed in 'hotspot' areas. Several youths under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs were conveyed home to the care of their parents/guardians. These identified youths have subsequently become cases for the Community Safety Youth Team to monitor and support, to assist them to cease their antisocial behaviour for a period 3 months. This initiative has already demonstrated success with a number of young people being identified and supported, a large quantity of alcohol being seized but no young person requiring to be arrested.

Spring / summer events

- 6.3 The Community Safety Partnership including Wardens, CCTV and Street Stuff have been supporting key spring/summer events throughout Renfrewshire. This includes national events like the General Election, British Pipe Band Championship and Colourfest 2017, the dance festival at Braehead. In addition, local events such as Paisley Beer & Food Festival, Sma Shot Day, The County Grand Orange Lodge Parade, Erskine Building Safer Greener Communities events, various gala days and the Armed Forces Day at Paisley Abbey have all been supported. The Wardens provided the CCTV vehicle and the Safe Bus with the lost kids location at many of these events. Meanwhile, Street Stuff were in attendance at family orientated events like the gala days providing football and dance activities for young people to participate in.

7. Diversionary Activities

Street Stuff

- 7.1 The Street Stuff programme has been busy throughout Renfrewshire in Quarter 1. Attendances for the core programme in the year to date for 2017/18 continue to remain at a high level. During April-June 2017, over 7,300 young people attended activities with over 70 average attendances per day during the Easter school holidays.
- 7.2 The Street Stuff Spring Break Camps programme for 2017/18 was held over the 2 week period of the school Easter holiday at the Paisley 2021 Stadium, Knockhill Park and Langcraigs Primary School. 718 children and young adults aged 8 to 18 attended football, dance and youth bus activities with a healthy free meal also provided.

- 7.3 The Summer Camps were also attended at the Paisley 2021 Stadium, Bargarran Community Centre, Knockhill Park, Langcraigs Primary, McMaster Centre Johnstone and Hunterhill Community Centre.
- 7.4 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Johnstone and Villages LAC area from April to June 2017:

Venue	Attendance
Johnstone Castle	24
McMaster Centre	336
Lochwinnoch	154
Johnstone TC	43
Sandyflats	99
Total	656

- 7.5 In total Street Stuff has provided 7 sessions per day over 6 days per week in the spring months in the Johnstone and Villages LAC area. The Street Stuff buses are also out during the 6 evenings and are moved depending on need and the requirements of the young people.

Events

- 7.6 Street Stuff has supported a number of events throughout Renfrewshire in Quarter 1 resulting in a further 1200 recorded attendances.

Events supported include;

- British pipe band championships, May 2017- Street Stuff Culture Bus & football
- Erskine hospital, June 2017 – Street Stuff Culture Bus
- Herriot Primary , June 2017, Street Stuff Culture Bus
- Howwood Gala Day, June 2017 – Street Stuff Culture Bus
- Barshaw Gala day, June 2017- Street Stuff Culture Bus and Football.
- Parkmains High School, June 2017 - Street Stuff Culture Bus and dance performance.
- No Substitute for life, June 2017- Street Stuff Culture Bus.

(Details of Street Stuff activities and the up to date timetable are available on the Council's website using the following link

[http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2381/Street-Stuff.\)](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2381/Street-Stuff.)

- 7.6 The University of the West of Scotland undertook an independent evaluation of the Street Stuff programme over two weeks in June 2017. Their full report including both Breakfast Club and Street Stuff will be completed in early Autumn and its findings will be reported in future board reports.

8. Public Protection Spotlight – National Strategic Assessment on Unintentional Harm

- 8.1 The findings of a National Strategic Assessment for Unintentional Harm have been launched and are available online (<http://www.bsc.scot/publications.html>). The strategic assessment provides extensive research data to support Phase 2 of the Building Safer Communities National Programme which has a focus on “reducing unintentional physical and psychological harm that could have been predicted and prevented”.
- 8.2 To support this programme, six thematic papers have also been produced covering Children and Young People, Older People, Deprivation, Home Safety, Road Safety and Outdoor Safety. These papers are designed for practitioners with an interest in particular aspects of unintentional harm and aim to provide some key facts about each issue to support practitioners to tackle unintentional harm locally. In this report, a summary of the key points from the Children and Young People briefing paper has been highlighted to illustrate the type of information covered in the thematic papers.
- 8.3 Children and young people, particularly the under-fives in Scotland, are disproportionately affected by unintentional harm. Home safety is particularly important in this life stage with between 70% and 85% of all unintentional harm to under-fives occurring in the home. There is also a strong correlation between injury risk and social deprivation.
- 8.4 The child death rate from unintentional injuries in Scotland is 30% higher than in England and Wales, with around 8% of deaths in those under the age of 15 being the result of unintentional harm. In addition, a large number of children and young people each year are affected by non-fatal injury. Every year in Scotland, one child in five attends A&E departments following an unintentional injury. Research identified that 60% of children had at least one accident or injury during their first 5 years, for which their parent had consulted a medical specialist (doctor, dentist, health centre or hospital). Most injuries to pre-school children occur at home (e.g. falls, burns and scalds, choking and asphyxiation), while school age children are injured on the roads or at play.
- 8.5 A high proportion of children and young people either think they already know all they need to know to stay safe or reject the whole idea that accidents can be prevented, and a significant percentage of respondents to the survey admitted engaging in behaviours that they knew could result in a serious injury.
- 8.6 The National Strategic Assessment report recommends that the main areas of focus should be on parenting and a safe home environment and safe play.
- 8.7 The information and direction contained within these thematic papers and the National Assessment research data will be used as comparative information to contextualise the Renfrewshire position and to help focus our approach on appropriate outcomes.

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.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable

List of Background Papers - none

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