

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

### Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 05 March 2015	14:30	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

#### Board Membership

Councillors Williams and Perrie (Renfrewshire Council); J Ferrie (Engage Renfrewshire); Stephen Cruikshank (Forum for Empowering Communities); W Kennedy (North Strathclyde Criminal Justice Authority); A Speirs (Police Scotland); K Stewart (Procurator Fiscal's Office); B Davidson (Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce); D Leese and F Mackay (Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership); S MacDougall, O Reid, S Strachan, Eileen MacLean, D Mair and A Conboy (All Renfrewshire Council); L King (Scottish Children's Reporters Administration); P Nelis (Scottish Fire and Rescue); C Prentice (Victim Support Renfrewshire); and A Cumberland (West College Scotland).

#### Further Information

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## Items of business

During consideration of the following items of business, the meeting will be open to the press and public.

### Apologies

Apologies received from members of the Board.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Minute of Previous Meeting</b><br>Minute of meeting held on 11th December, 2014.  | <b>5 - 10</b>  |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Rolling Action Log</b><br>Report by Clerk.  | <b>11 - 12</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Action Plan Progress Report - Outcome 3</b><br>Report by Director of Community Resources.   | <b>13 - 24</b> |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Best Bar None Renfrewshire 2014-15</b><br>Report by Interim Head of Public Protection.  | <b>25 - 30</b> |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Ebola Virus Disease - Preparadness and Training - Glasgow</b><br>Report by Interim Head of Public Protection.   | <b>31 - 34</b> |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Scottish Community Safety Networks</b><br>Presentation by Scottish Community Safety Network.  |                |
| <b>7</b> | <b>I Am Me</b><br>Presentation by C Burt.  |                |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Community Safety Update</b><br>Report by Interim Head of Public Protection.   | <b>35 - 40</b> |
| <b>9</b> | <b>Timetable of Meetings for the Safer &amp; Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board - August 2015 to December 2016</b><br>Report by the Director of Finance & Resources. | <b>41 - 42</b> |





# RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

## MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF A SAFER & STRONGER THEMATIC BOARD HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2014

### PRESENT

Councillor T Williams; S MacDougall, Lead Officer and Director of Community Resources; D Hawthorn; E MacLean; and D Mair (all Renfrewshire Council); P Nelis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; A Speirs, Police Scotland; and R Craig, FLAIR.

Councillor Williams presided

### IN ATTENDANCE

F Wilson; D Kerr; C Robertson and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); and J Clocherty, CHP.

### APOLOGIES

Councillor B Perrie, Renfrewshire Council; A Dick, West College Scotland; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities; C Prentice, Victim Support; K Phillips, CHP; S Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; W Kennedy, North Strathclyde Criminal Justice Authority; and L King, Scottish Children's Reporters Administration.

1.	<p><b>MINUTE OF MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014</b></p> <p>There was submitted the Minute of A Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b> That the Minute be approved.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>
2.	<p><b>ROLLING ACTION LOG</b></p> <p><b><u>S&amp;S.26.03.13(2ii) Review of Contribution of Partners</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that this item was complete and would be removed from the action log.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b></p> <p>(a) That S&amp;S.26.03.13(2ii) Review of Contribution of Partners would be removed from the action log; and</p> <p>(b) That the Rolling Action Log be noted.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

3.	<p><b>RENFREWSHIRE INSPECTION OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b></p> <p>There was submitted a joint report by Social Work and Community Resources relative to a joint inspection of the provision of services to children and young people in the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership area commencing Monday 19th January, 2015. The report indicated that the inspection would be conducted over 13 days between Monday 19th January and Friday 27th February, 2015 and would involve Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland. A detailed timeline for inspection activity was attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>The report highlighted that the inspection differed from previous joint inspections of services to protect children in that it focused on the role of the wider Community Planning Partnership and not just the Child Protection Committee. Chief officers from the Community Planning Partnership Board in Renfrewshire would be asked to set the context for the inspection by making a presentation to the inspection team on Tuesday 20 January 2015.</p> <p>It was noted that multi-agency self evaluation across a range of quality indicators was currently underway and a draft position statement was attached as Appendix 2 to the report. D Hawthorn asked partners to look at this appendix and if it was felt anything was missing or critical then they should email herself or S Bell.</p> <p>Following the joint inspection, the report to Scottish Ministers would report on how well services were working together to improve the lives of children and young people. Inspectors would also prepare and provide a written detailed account of inspection findings to the Community Planning Partnership Board at the conclusion of the inspection.</p> <p>Appendix 2 provided information on a range of activities/interventions that were provided across the partnership that specifically focused on the public protection of children and young people through the Community Safety Hub</p> <p><b>DECIDED:</b> That the key dates of the Renfrewshire inspection of services to children and young people at Appendix 1 and the key role of the Community Planning Partnership Board and the Thematic Boards detailed within the report be noted.</p>	Noted
4.	<p><b>BUILDING SAFER GREENER COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by Community Resources relative to the Building Safer Communities Programme.</p> <p>The report indicated that that national body was keen to work with the Council to develop a project based within Ferguslie and Johnstone which might include a small amount of financial assistance. The outline proposal being discussed was to work with the Ferguslie Park area – including the Phoenix retail park – to ensure good links to the Families First programme and possible links to City Deal infrastructure benefits, and with the Johnstone community, which would provide an opportunity</p>	





	<p>to understand better the benefits being brought by the integrated Johnstone Civic Centre as it is opened.</p> <p>The report noted that there were very clear links that could be drawn across the Safer and Stronger and Greener themes of the Community Planning Partnership that strengthened the proposed approach.</p> <p>It was indicated that the intention would be to work up the projects further to make a submission to the National programme. A first stage would be to develop the evidence collected in "signal interviews" carried out in the Johnstone and Ferguslie Park communities and to run localised versions of the successful "Your Home, Your Street, Our Community" event run in the Paisley Town Hall as part of a consultation and community engagement exercise.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b></p> <p>(a) That the invitation from the National Safer and Stranger Communities Programme Board to participate in the National programme be noted;</p> <p>(b) That relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership work up the proposed options for submission to the National programme; and</p> <p>(c) That it be agreed that further reports on progress be brought to subsequent meetings of this Board.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Lead Officer/Partners</b></p> <p><b>Lead Officer/Clerk</b></p>
5.	<p><b>YOUR HOUSE, YOUR STREET, YOUR COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>A presentation was given by the Director of Community Resources relative to the event held at Paisley Town Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. The event was held to raise awareness and showcase the services and partnership approach established to address Community Safety &amp; Public Protection issues across Renfrewshire and to highlight other complimentary services being delivered by Community Resources.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted what went well; the lessons learns; and the way forward. A film of the event was put together by UWS and the first part of the draft DVD was shown to members.</p> <p>It was noted that it was proposed that a newsletter be produced to promote outcomes; that the DVD to be re-edited and used for promotion; that an annual event be proposed with different theme; and localised events proposed, subject to consultation with local communities.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b> That the presentation be noted.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
6.	<p><b>UPDATE ON PROGRESS REPORT TO CPP BOARD</b></p>	

	<p>A verbal report was given by the Lead Officer relative to the progress report which was submitted to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.</p> <p>She advised Members that she had submitted a presentation and report which detailed a summary of progress against Safer and Stronger actions measured over the first year of the Community Plan. The presentation advised that good progress had been made with performance targets and in one case exceeded Year 1 targets however 1 target had been missed and 3 had to be revised and the way forward was not without challenges and risks. Overall the CPP Board felt that good progress had been made and she had indicated that the Safer &amp; Stronger Thematic Board would continue to closely scrutinise its plan and to broaden focus out to partner engagement.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b> That the update to the CPP Board be noted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
6.	<p><b>SPOTLIGHT ON PARTNER</b></p> <p>Councillor Williams welcomed R Craig, Chief Executive of Ferguslie Park Housing Association on to the Board as the representative of FLAIR. Mr Craig spoke about FLAIR; his work with Ferguslie Park Housing Association; and some of the projects and good work currently taking place within his sphere of work.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b> That the verbal presentation be noted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
7.	<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by Community Resources which provided an update on activities related to the annual winter/festive safety campaign; progress with the development of more flexible and responsive working arrangements within the Wardens Service; and the ongoing implementation of the CCTV hub in partnership with Police Scotland.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED:</u></b></p> <p>(a) That the arrangements being made to promote Winter and Festive Safety be noted; and</p> <p>(b) That progress with the establishment of the new Community Safety Hub and the review of the Community Warden Service be noted.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
9.	<p><b>OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by Community Resources which provided</p>	

	<p>an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.</p> <p><b><u>DECIDED</u></b>: That the report be noted.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
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**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**SAFER & STRONGER THEMATIC BOARD**  
**ROLLING ACTION LOG**

	Action is on track
	Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed.
	Action required to bring up to satisfactory level
	Past deadline date and action required.

KEY

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
S&S.26.03.13(7i)	Consideration of the future of groups undertaking tasks/meetings which were the responsibility of the group	Lead Officer		Future Meeting		<p><u>S&amp;S.22.05.13 (3i)</u> Agreed that a matrix be developed for consideration at next meeting to identify groups, remit, attendees, frequency, linkages and duplications of meetings &amp; events.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.04.09.13(5)</u> Process map to be completed and R Whetton from CSU be invited back to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.29.01.14(3)</u> R Whetton to be contacted to find out availability for a meeting.</p> <p><u>March 2014</u> R Whetton will attend meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.19.06.14 (5)</u> R Whetton gave a presentation relative to a local Planning Partnership approach to place based multi-agency service provision.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.15.09.14(2) Supporting the Local Focus on Place</u> A meeting has been arranged with R Whetton to discuss the possibility of this local authority becoming a pilot area for the project.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S11.12.14(4) – Building Safer Greener Communities</u> (a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up the proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress be brought to subsequent meetings of this Board.</p>
S&S.21.11.13 (6)	Co-ordinated response to Blue Light incidents: (a) Lead Officer & D Hawthorn to discuss joint working arrangements between Care Homes and Police Scotland; (b) Lead Officer liaise with CHP with a view to arranging a meeting with Senior Manager, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS to discuss Police time at hospitals.	Lead Officer/D Hawthorn  Lead Officer/ CHP		Future Meeting		<p><u>S&amp;S.29.01.14(3)</u> (a) DH advised that she had been in discussion with Superintendent A Douglas, Police Scotland and they were working jointly to develop a solution. <u>March 2014 &amp; S&amp;S01.04.14(3)</u> Spt N Burns, PSoS, now replaced Spt A Douglas and discussions ongoing. <u>June 2014</u> Police Scotland have provided Social Work with more detailed information. Both partners are meeting on 20th June to discuss in detail. <u>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014</u></p>

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						<p>N Burns Police and D Hawthorn SW met and discussed. Steps have been taken to address issues highlighted. Single point of contact for each house now been established which is having a positive impact through improved understanding and working relationships. Both services will continue to monitor. No further action required.</p> <p>(b) Lead Officer to liaise with CHP to arrange meeting with GGC NHS to discuss Police time at hospitals.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.19.06.14 (3)</u> CHP met with the Police and they confirmed the issue was more in acute services - on an organisational level there is a new risk assessment and triage form in use in A&amp;E's that assess the patients immediate risk factors in relation to their mental health and all patients presenting with significant suicide or self harm are triaged at the same category as patient with cardiac events now. In addition, the CHP now have the CPN out of hours service which has a 1 hour response time from the time of referral from A&amp;E.</p>
S&S.01.04.14 (4)	<u>Safer &amp; Stronger Summit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer &amp; Stronger Summit to take place with details to be developed;</li> <li>• Partners to look at their particular areas of expertise and suggest what they could bring to the event;</li> <li>• Update report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.</li> </ul>	Lead Officer  Partners Lead Officer		Future Meeting		<p><u>S&amp;S.19.06.14 (6)</u> Event to take place on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Paisley Town Hall. All partners involved. Communication team working on title for event.</p> <p><u>S&amp;S.15.09.14 (7)</u> Event taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in Paisley Town Hall. Title for event agreed "Your House, Your Street, Our Community".</p> <p><u>S&amp;S11.12.14(5)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter to be produced to promote outcomes</li> <li>• DVD to be re-edited</li> <li>• Annual event proposed subject to consultation with local communities</li> </ul>



**To: Safer & Stronger Thematic Board**

**On: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Report by:  
Director of Community Resources**

## **Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Action Plan Progress Report – Outcome 3**

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 In order to achieve our vision and our associated outcomes and targets, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board developed a partnership action plan. Following agreement of the action plan, the Board requested that a progress report for 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' is produced in order for the Board to fulfil its monitoring and scrutiny role.
- 1.2 The progress against each individual action is detailed in Appendix 1 however, Section 4 below highlights some of the key areas of progress.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Board

- a) Scrutinise each of the actions detailed in appendix 1
- b) Notes the key areas of progress highlighted in Section 4
- c) Notes that there are no areas for improvement
- d) Agrees that a report be presented to the next meeting of the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board regarding Public Service Panel perception data

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board has responsibility for coordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure that we achieve our long term vision that:

'Renfrewshire is known as a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protections and are free from crime. A culture of fairness, respect and equality exists and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected'

- 3.2 In order to achieve this vision and our associated outcomes and targets, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board developed a partnership action plan. Following agreement of the action plan, the Board agreed a reporting schedule for monitoring and scrutinising the progress being made against each of the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Outcomes and this report herewith details the progress being made against 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'.

#### **4. Key Areas of Progress**

- 4.1 The progress being made against each individual action is detailed in Appendix 1, however some key areas of progress are as follows:

- The Adult Protection Committee identified, through self evaluation, that there was an under involvement of advocacy services in Adult Protection cases. As a result "You First" Advocacy service an carried out a series of awareness raising talks to a variety of audiences such as the Integrated Alcohol Team, Social Work Locality Teams and the Community Mental Health Team. This led to an almost immediate and striking increase in the level of referrals being receiving by "You First" in relation to Adult Protection. The Advocacy "You First" provides is based on the principles that every person has the right to:
  - i. Be consulted about their needs
  - ii. Be involved in decisions which affect their lives
  - iii. Be treated in a dignified manner and valued as equals
  - iv. Avoid being segregated from the rest of the community in work, education, recreation or where they live
- Understanding Domestic Abuse is a new one day training course which has been developed locally and aims to introduce new or inexperienced workers to GBV and its links with child protection. It makes strong links to the Children and Young People Wellbeing indicators and the new Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment and pins this to professional practice. The piloted courses have received positive feedback and a bi monthly calendar of courses has now been developed for 2015. The training for trainers (multi agency) is currently being rolled out and we have already trained six people from Social Work, Health and the voluntary Sector.

- In November 2014, a new drive has been launched to encourage Renfrewshire residents to play their part in helping the area look at its best. The Do Your Bit campaign aims to get residents to think about things they can do – big and small – to help improve the local environment. A key strand is to help local people who want to take part in community clean-up work, such as litter-picking, by offering practical support. We continue to work with schools and youth diversion groups to raise awareness and encourage participation. In addition, a community networking group was established to support local and national campaigns.
- In October last year, an analysis was undertaken of perception data contained within the Public Service Panel results. As new data has now become available it is recommended that the information is updated and reported to the next meeting of the Safer and Stronger Board.

## **5. Areas for Improvement**

Significant progress has been made in relation the actions detailed in Appendix 1 and there are no areas for improvement.

## **6. Prevention**

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**

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

**For more information about the report, please contact Yvonne Farquhar, Policy Officer, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Team 0141 618 7409 or Carolanne Robertson, Community Safety Manager 0141 618 7600**

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.				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
<b>50% reduction in the proportion of adults referred to Social Work with three or more incidents of harm in each year</b>				
Train all appropriate staff on making use of chronologies to inform risk assessment and risk management plans	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	On going. Being progressed through the Practice and Performance sub group of the APC.	Chronology training is being rolled out in accordance with the training calendar.
Improve understanding of and access to advocacy services	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	All ASP referrals must now state whether advocacy has been considered and if not required why.	Advocacy service undertook a series of visits to Social Work teams and joint Health and Social Work teams.  There has been a marked increase in the number of ASP related advocacy requests received by advocacy services
Develop practitioner understanding of issues for people who are hard to engage.	Adult Protection Committee	ADP funded Service improvement workshop £7093	Service Improvement workshop - 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013.  Action plan completed by April 2014	Resultant Action Plan being progressed by Adult Protection Committee Training Sub Committee
Ensure adults at risk and [as appropriate] family members are engaged with service providers	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	Establish service user and carer reference group by April 2014	Service user and carer reference group now established.
Improve recording on SWIFT and use of Adult Support and Protection module	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	Being progressed through the Practice and performance sub group. SWIFT APS module being reviewed.	New information system module and business process operational since November 2014 and being monitored by the Adult Support and Protection Officer in Social Work

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Ensure review of referrals with no further action	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	Undertake a review of referrals monthly Also High Level Multi agency reviews of top 10 repeat referrals – monthly	All adults who are subject of three AP referrals will be risk assessed. Multi agency top ten referral meeting established and meet quarterly
Raise awareness of services for vulnerable adults to staff, families and communities	Adult Protection Committee	Within existing resources	Publication of Community Protection newsletter by April 2014	Newsletter published April 2014. Further National publicity campaign now being developed by Scottish Government and due to begin February 2015
<b>50% reduction in the number of children looked after away from home</b>				
Further investment to continue to roll out the FAST programme to Renfrewshire primary schools	Education and Leisure Services - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Resources from Save the Children	Implement the programme agreed to June 2015 in partnership with Save the Children	The FAST programme is currently delivered in 12 primary schools across the authority. Information sharing sessions have taken place with a number of establishments.
Pre- tenancy and tenancy support for looked after and previously looked after young people to live independently reducing isolation and loneliness	Development and Housing Services - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Within existing resources	Review of joint housing /social work protocol in December 2014 On-going joint briefings for housing / social work staff to improve understanding of roles Review impact of pre-tenancy support sessions held at George Street service – March 2015 Evaluate the housing outcomes for looked after and previously looked after young people by March 2015	All Milestones are currently on target.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Review progress of the Family Support PSP (Johnstone) and if evaluated positively consider extending geographically.	<b>Engage Renfrewshire and Education and Leisure Services - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership</b>			Iconic Consulting was commissioned in October 2014 to evaluate Renfrewshire Family Support PSP. In November 2014, all members of the Governance Group and Project Team were invited to take part in an online assessment of the PSP.
Provide support for young fathers to ensure children have good male role models	<b>Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership</b>	Within existing resources	Scope existing provision of support for young fathers in Renfrewshire by June 2015.	Scoping exercise will be completed within the agreed timescales
Explore opportunities to introduce pre birth/conception parenting classes within our communities	<b>Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership, Social Work, Education and Engage Renfrewshire - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership</b>	Within existing resources	Complete small test of change for Solihull ante-natal visit by July 2015.  Scope existing provision of pre-birth/conception parenting classes in Renfrewshire by August 2015.	Small test of change is on target to be completed by July 2015 and following this the scoping exercise will be undertaken.
<b>20% reduction in the proportion of children subject to 2 or more periods of child protection registration in a 2 year period</b>				
Investigate increasing the provision of out of school care for vulnerable children	<b>Education and Leisure Services - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership</b>	Resources within the Early Years Strategy	As identified within the Early Years Operational Plan	Early years strategy funding has been allocated to support vulnerable children and a referral system established to identify children and families requiring support. Out of school care fees are paid until working tax credits are available. To date 8 children have been funded to attend out of school care.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Enhance support for kinship carers	<b>Social Work -</b> Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Resource requirements to enhance current arrangement to be identified	Review existing resources with the aim of enhancing the provision of support to kinship carers – March 2015  Undertake consultation with kinship carers in relation to their needs – March 2015	The review of existing resources is currently ongoing and consideration is being given to new ways of delivering support to kinship carers. Consultation with carers will not be undertaken until this stage is concluded.
Improve wrap around care package offered by all partners to identify individuals/families early and introduce appropriate response where necessary	<b>Education and Leisure Services and</b> Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Resources within the Early Years Strategy	As identified within the Early Years Operational Plan	Parents are able to purchase wraparound care provision along with their child's early learning and child care entitled place in local authority nurseries, where places are available, or in partnership nurseries.
<b>Reduce to 18% the number of teenagers who reported being involved in 4 or more delinquent activities in the past 12 months</b> <b>Reduce to 2% the number of teenagers who reported having committed 4 or more criminal acts in the past 12 months</b>				
Assess appropriate opportunities to extend the nurturing approach beyond primary school age	<b>Education and Leisure Services -</b> Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Within existing resources	Explore potential through Children Services Team by September 2014.  Produce feasibility report by September 2014.	Current working group researching practice, linking with other authorities and education Scotland.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Improve responses of partners through Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) and to identify delinquent behaviour early and address before escalation	<b>Social Work</b> and Education and Leisure Services – Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Within existing resources	Social Work are currently working with Police Scotland to implement the vulnerable persons report which will support EEI arrangements – April 2014	The Early and Effective Intervention Group (EEIG) receives referrals via the Police Scotland Vulnerable Persons Report. The EEIG meets regularly to ensure a speedy response to the needs of individual young people coming to the attention of the police and is able to identify patterns of concern or trends in referrals ensuring appropriate response.
Consider extending the remit of the Early Intervention Screening Group to address young people at risk of offending	<b>Social Work</b> , Police Scotland, Education and Leisure Services and Community Resources – Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Within existing resources.	Review existing EISG protocol to ensure that it reflects both current national and local development – April 2014  Refresh and remind all partners re aim and objectives of EEI process and that that all partners remain committed to the process - April 2014	Process already in existence but may need updating where each service represented can identify an individual or group of young people where concerns re risk of offending or anti social behaviour are present.  Outcomes achieved to date evidence that a number of multi agency responses have been undertaken and every effort is made to provide a speedy, appropriate and proportionate response in keeping with the principles of GIRFEC.
Assess feasibility of rolling out Life Skills training for all young people	<b>Social Work</b> - Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership	Major resource implications - initially (Linwood High and St. Benedict's High School have secured funding from the British Heart Foundation)		The initial assessment of Life Skills Training identified that the material required to be updated to ensure it fits with the Curriculum for Excellence (C4E).  Barnardo's are updating the material to ensure fit with C4E. Once this work is completed the appropriateness of the material for use in Renfrewshire will be evaluated.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
<b>35% reduction in the number of children experiencing domestic abuse</b>				
Continue to provide support for Renfrewshire Reconnection	<b>Social Work – Gender Based Violence Group</b>			<p>Big Lottery and feedback is awaited. Targets have been met or exceeded and feedback from service users is very positive. An annual report will be extracted from this circulated to all members.</p> <p>An external evaluator has been approved and will carry out a full study of outcomes and impact for service users. It will submit in full to both the GBV Strategy group and the Big Lottery for approval</p>
Increase the awareness of support and services available to children and young people	<b>Social Work - Gender Based Violence Group</b>			<p>Workers from a variety of services have met to discuss ways in which GBV work can be discretely targeted to Children and young people. As well as prioritising the need to make strong links with initiatives already working with young people around the safety agenda, it was agreed to pursue the notion of inviting Baldy Bane to discussions around developing a school based programme that will fit with the Curriculum for Excellence</p>

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Expand the sensitive enquiry approach and provide appropriate support and training to staff who work with children and young people	<b>Social Work</b> - Gender Based Violence Group			Understanding Domestic Abuse is a new one day training course developed by local workers that aims to introduce new or inexperienced workers to GBV and its links with child protection. It makes strong links to Shanarri and the new Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment and pins this to professional practice. The piloted courses have received positive feedback and a full monthly or bi monthly calendar will be developed for 2015. The training for trainers (multi agency) is currently being developed and will also roll out in the new year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Increase the perception of secondary school pupils who report their communities are safe places to live to 1.2 (1–4 lower the better) and</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Reduce to 30% the number of secondary school pupils reporting that they are living in communities with many problems</b></li> </ul>				
Encourage more community clean ups	<b>Community Resources</b> —Education, Diversion and Engagement Group	Additional resources for communications and operational support is required	<p>Further develop the 'Do you Bit' initiative – Summer 2014</p> <p>Further activities to tie in with national campaigns - ongoing</p> <p>Increase community engagement - ongoing</p> <p>Implement within the review of community safety education programmes</p> <p>Raise awareness through Communications Group</p> <p>Improve links young people</p>	<p>A new community networking group has been established with representation on the EDE Group. This will enhance the continued development of the Do your Bit programme.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the Community Networking Group to widen the existing support to national campaigns.</p>
Hold awareness raising sessions regarding service delivery and educate young people on how to report and participate to address environmental issues	<b>Community Resources</b> – Education, Diversion and Engagement Group			All Community Safety inputs to all schools have been reviewed with a more robust message around the littering and the impact on the wider community.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Robust analysis of perception data	<b>Community Resources</b> - Community Safety Steering Group	Within existing resources	Partnership Analyst to coordinate with Chief Executive's Service to ensure appropriate response to misconceptions	Analysis of PSP data has been undertaken by the Partnership Analyst and the findings will be presented to the next Safer and Stronger Thematic Board.





**To: Safer & Stronger Thematic Board**

**On: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Report by:  
Director of Community Resources**

### **Best Bar None Renfrewshire 2014-15**

#### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Best Bar None Renfrewshire has recently completed its third cycle of Awards, with 20 licensed premises throughout Renfrewshire attaining the Award standard. Best Bar None Awards are based on core national standards, with local flexibility to ensure they address local needs. The scheme, which operates in a partnership with Police Scotland, aims to reward premises that provide a safe and welcoming environment for local residents to enjoy responsible drinking.
- 1.2 The local Awards for Best Bar None Renfrewshire 2014-15 were presented at a ceremony in Renfrew Town Hall during January 2015. All 20 venues received plaques which can be displayed in their premises to assist in promoting their venue.
- 1.3 National Awards are held annually in March. Six of our nine national nominees have been short-listed at the National Awards – a very strong result that reflects well on the quality of participating premises in Renfrewshire. The Ceremony will be held at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, on Thursday 26 March 2015. All National Finalists will receive an Award in recognition of this achievement, and the overall National Category Winners will be announced.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board notes the contents of this report.

## **3. National Award Finalists from Renfrewshire**

- 3.1 The following is the list of finalists from the Renfrewshire Council area:

- Lord of the Isles (Pub Category) – Noted for their excellent customer-specific service provision.
- Kilty Kilty (Independent Bar) – Venue with a modern Scottish twist. Management are actively involved in the Paisley BID.
- University of West of Scotland Students' Union (Specialist Entertainment Venue) – Innovative venue with campaigns focussed on customer and staff wellbeing.
- The Glynhill Hotel (Hotel Bar) – New entrant to the scheme this year, who attained a high Silver Award.
- Cafuffals (Best Public Health Initiative) – Venue targeted at younger adults, with health and wellbeing campaigns targeted at that age group.
- Hamishes Hoose (Heart of the Community) – Pub with a strong sense of community, and a great customer experience at the heart of the business.

## **4. Best Bar None – Background**

- 4.1 The Best Bar None scheme was first developed by Greater Manchester Police as part of the Manchester City Centre Safe project in 2003, in response to a growing problem with alcohol related crime, particularly anti-social behaviour and violence. In 2012, Strathclyde Police (now Police Scotland) K Division introduced the Best Bar None Scheme to Renfrewshire with 7 premises applying to join the scheme in the pilot year. With 20 applicant premises taking part in the third year, the scheme is now successfully established in Renfrewshire – with the quality of applicants increasing as well as the overall numbers.
- 4.2 The Best Bar None Scheme aims to raise standards and reward excellence for those venues that attain the Award standard. It is delivered at a local level by partnerships between the industry, local authorities and Police. The Renfrewshire scheme is now run by Community Resources, with valued support

provided by partners in other Council services, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

4.3 Best Bar None Awards are based on core national standards with local flexibility to ensure they address local needs. The scheme aims to reward premises that provide a safe and welcoming environment for local residents to enjoy responsible drinking. The scheme focuses on public safety and customer care and encourages licensed premises to build positive relationships with regulatory agencies.

4.4 The categories in which venues can apply for accreditation are:

- Independent Pub
- Independent Bar
- Pub
- Bar
- Nightclub
- Hotel Bar
- Specialist Entertainment Venue

4.5 All venues must meet a minimum standard, and if successful are awarded a 'Bronze', 'Silver' or 'Gold' Award. The application and assessment process is rigorous with applications considered along the following timeline:

4.5.1 **Local Launch & Applications:** The 2014-15 scheme was launched in June 2014, with an application deadline of 30 September 2014 for eligible venues. Throughout the application process, venues were offered advice and support to ensure they could make any changes required to meet the minimum standard.

4.5.2 **Assessments:** Assessments were carried out by trained Officers within the Trading Standards & Licensing Team during October and November 2014. The assessment focuses on the five Licensing Objectives, namely:

- Prevention of Crime & Disorder,
- Securing Public Safety,
- Preventing Public Nuisance,
- Protecting and Improving Public Health, and
- Protecting Children from Harm.

4.5.3 **Scoring & Judging:** Venues must achieve all essential points to be accredited. Additional scores can be awarded where an area of best practice is demonstrated. A Judging Panel made of representatives from Community Resources, Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Licensing Forum met in December 2014 to determine the appropriate level of award for each venue, to choose the overall category winners and any special award winners.

- 4.5.4 **Local Awards:** The Awards for Best Bar None Renfrewshire 2014-15 were presented at Renfrew Town Hall in January 2015. All 20 venues received plaques which can be displayed in their premises to assist in promoting their venue.
- 4.5.5 **National Awards:** The National Awards are held annually in March. All local schemes nominate suitable premises for the seven venue categories. Six of the seven Renfrewshire venue category winners were happy to proceed to national nomination. In addition, deserving venues were nominated for three unique national awards:
- Best Use of Innovation
  - Best Public Health Initiative
  - Heart of the Community
- 4.6 Six of our national nominees have been short-listed for consideration for National Awards. The Ceremony will be held at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, on Thursday 26 March 2015. All National Finalists will receive an Award in recognition of this achievement, and the overall National Category Winners will be announced.
- 4.7 Best Bar None Scotland is nationally administered by the Scottish Business Resilience Centre and run locally by an area co-ordinator. The scheme is sponsored by Diageo, Molson Coors, Heineken, Tennents, Maxxium UK and Chivas Brothers and is supported corporately by the Scottish Government, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Belhaven Pubs and the Scottish Licensed Trade Association.
- 4.8 A full listing of applicant venues and the Award standard attained is included at Appendix 1 to this report.

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## Renfrewshire Best Bar None Award Winners 2014/15

Premises Name	Address 1	Town	Category	2014-15 Award	National Nominee	National Finalist
The Glynhill Hotel	169 Paisley Road	Renfrew	Hotel Bar	Silver (Cat Winner)	Hotel Bar	Yes
Kilty Kilty	16 New Street	Paisley	Independent Bar	Gold (Cat Winner)	Independent Bar	Yes
Cafuffals	17-19 New Street	Paisley	Independent Bar	Gold	Best Public Health Initiative	Yes
The Bankhouse	7 Gilmour Street	Paisley	Independent Bar	Gold		
Bar Varia	Intu Braehead Leisure	Renfrew	Independent Bar	Gold		
Bishopton Inn Hotel	2 Greenock Road	Bishopton	Bar	Bronze (Cat Winner)		
Hamishes' Hoose	45 High Street	Paisley	Independent Pub	Gold	Heart of the Community	Yes
Old Swan Inn	20 Smithills Street	Paisley	Independent Pub	Silver		
The Ferry Inn	1 Clyde Street	Renfrew	Independent Pub	Gold (Cat Winner)	Independent Pub	No
Tartan Rose	2 Broomlands Street	Paisley	Independent Pub	Gold		
Craigielea Bar	6 Well Street	Paisley	Independent Pub	Silver		
Fantoosh	16A New Street	Paisley	Night Club	Gold (Cat Winner)	Night Club	No
The Last Post	County Square	Paisley	Pub	Silver		
Lord of the Isles	Unit 21, Soar Braehead	Renfrew	Pub	Gold (Cat Winner)	Pub	Yes
The Flying Scotsman	Broadloan	Renfrew	Pub	Gold		
The Trust Inn	8 Low Barholm	Johnstone	Pub	Silver		
Glenleven Inn	25 New Street	Johnstone	Pub	Silver		
Gabriels	33 Gauze Street	Paisley	Pub	Gold		
Craig Dhu	4 Calside	Paisley	Pub	Gold		
Student's Union	Storie Street	Paisley	Specialist Entertainment Venue	Gold (Cat Winner)	Specialist Entertainment Venue	Yes
					Best Use of Innovation	No





**To: Safer & Stronger Thematic Board**

**On: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Report by: Director of Community Resources**

### **Ebola Virus Disease – Preparedness and Training – Glasgow Airport**

#### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is a severe acute illness with a high mortality rate. The current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa is the largest known outbreak of this disease and was declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organisation in August 2014.
- 1.2 As Port Health Authority for Glasgow Airport, Renfrewshire Council, in conjunction with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, has a statutory role in dealing with port health incidents in terms of the International Health Regulations 2005, the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008 and the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Regulations 1971. In addition, Renfrewshire Council has a statutory requirement to provide for disinfection of premises or things to prevent the spread of infection in the community.
- 1.3 Together with various partner agencies, officers from Community Resources have in recent months participated in a number of events to provide training and test preparedness for the scenario whereby a passenger arrives on a flight into Glasgow Airport with suspected symptoms of Ebola Virus Disease. These training exercises have resulted in a high degree of awareness and preparedness across all relevant agencies that may need to respond to an incident of this type.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board notes the content of the report



### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a severe, often fatal illness in humans. The current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa is the largest known outbreak of this disease and was declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organisation in August 2014. Ebola is caused by infection with a virus which is spread by direct contact with blood and bodily fluids from infected people who are symptomatic. It remains unlikely, but not impossible, that travellers infected in affected countries could arrive in the UK while incubating the disease and develop or display symptoms on their arrival. People infected with Ebola are infectious only after they have developed symptoms. These include fever, headache, diarrhoea and vomiting. Once symptomatic, all bodily fluids are considered infectious, with blood, faeces and vomit being the most infectious. The Ebola virus is not airborne and can only spread through direct contact with a bodily fluid.
- 3.2** At an early stage during the ongoing Ebola outbreak, Renfrewshire Council – Community Resources, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Glasgow Airport agreed to test the Glasgow Airport Port Health Procedure Plan. A table top exercise was held at Glasgow Airport on 31 October to test the plan and the process of identification and safe removal of a suspected Ebola case. Following this exercise, a training event was held at the airport to step through the plan in a live location based on a scenario where there is a realistic probability of Ebola being involved.
- 3.3** This event took place on the evening of 2 December 2014. Those participating in the event included airport representatives (Duty Airport Manager, Engineer) airline representatives (including a handling agent and air crew) Scottish Ambulance Service, Police, UK Border Force, NHS GGC - Consultant in Public Health Medicine (CPHM) and Renfrewshire Council in its role as Port Health Authority. A follow up debrief meeting was held at the airport on 18 December, attended by representatives of Glasgow Airport, NHS GGC, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Police to discuss the event. The exercise and debrief confirmed that the Plan was robust and no significant amendments were required.
- 3.4** A key part of the exercise was for the Scottish Ambulance Service to rehearse accessing the aircraft in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate for treating and handling a patient with Ebola, removing the patient from the aircraft to an ambulance and transferring them to an appropriate medical facility.
- 3.5** Renfrewshire Council's main role in our Port Health capacity is to support the Consultant in Public Health Medicine in gathering details of other passengers on the flight, providing information and advice to them, airport and airline staff and to ensure appropriate disinfection of the aircraft. In advance of the exercise we sought advice from the Scottish Government decontamination service on the procedure for cleaning in the event of contamination by bodily fluids from a confirmed Ebola case. As a result we were able to give clear advice on this during the exercise.



- 3.6 In a UK context, entry screening of those arriving from affected countries continues at Heathrow, Birmingham, Gatwick, and Manchester airports, and Eurostar St Pancras Station. There are currently no direct flights from the affected countries to the UK. In Scotland, posters have been put up to alert incoming travellers of the symptoms of Ebola virus disease in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Prestwick and Aberdeen airports and in seaports in Scotland with international traffic.
- 3.7 Volunteer healthcare workers, aid workers, military personnel and those working in the oil and gas industry and mining industry who work in Liberia, Guinea or Sierra Leone are registered with the Public Health England (PHE) programme to risk assess and monitor returnees. Health Protection Scotland is informed when a registered traveller returns to Scotland from one of the affected countries and passes this information to the relevant NHS Board. All those who have cared for Ebola patients in the affected countries are actively monitored throughout the 21 day incubation period.
- 3.8 A port health incident was not declared for Glasgow Airport in the case of the nurse returning home via Glasgow Airport after undertaking voluntary work in West Africa. She was cleared to travel on to Glasgow from Heathrow after following the entry screening process and became unwell overnight - following her arrival back home. However for some agencies involved – particularly the Health Service and Scottish Ambulance Service the airport training exercise will have been relevant.

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**To: Safer & Stronger Thematic Board**

**On: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Report by:  
Director of Community Resources**

## **Community Safety Update**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides an update for the board on activities carried out by the Community Safety Hub including Street Stuff and also provides an update on the Building Safer and Greener Communities project through which the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is supporting the Scottish Governments Building Better Communities national initiative to reduce crime and increase community safety in Scotland.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the report.

### **3. Community Safety Hub activities**

- 3.1 The Community Safety Hub had a productive festive period providing a number of services to keep people safe and active. Preparations are also underway for a number of key events in the coming months as outlined below.

#### **2014 Festive Safety Campaign**

- 3.2 The Community Safety Hub provided an extended service to support the Safer Renfrewshire Partnership during the 2014 festive season. These services were funded by the Town Centre Initiative and Alcohol & Drugs Partnership. Analytical information from previous years has shown that Fridays and Saturdays in the run up to Christmas are the dates where this service is most utilised and most effective. Partnership arrangements for 2014 included:

- High visibility patrols with Police and Wardens.



- Taxi marshalling at Gilmour Street, Paisley on key dates throughout the festive period including Christmas Eve and Hogmanay.
- A safe bus accompanied by a paramedic vehicle, which was at New Street from 8pm until 4am on 12, 13, 19 and 20 December 2014. A police officer, warden and paramedics were available at the bus for anyone who was injured, felt threatened or needed safety advice.
- Radio link communications across the partnership co-ordinated in the CCTV control room.
- Street Pastors directing people to the safe bus.

3.3 Over 100 people attended the Safe Bus, with the majority presenting under the influence of alcohol. In general, revellers were well-behaved and welcomed the health and safety advice and utilised the facilities available including bottled water and mobile phone chargers, allowing them to phone taxis. An evaluation of the 2014 Safe Bus established that it was a successful initiative that delivered a number of positive outcomes:

- Providing a safe environment for anyone who may be vulnerable as a result of being intoxicated, injured or separated from their fellow revellers;
- Improving health as attendees could rehydrate by drinking available water;
- Reducing disorder as people were able to get taxis quicker to return home;
- Reducing the number of accident and emergency admissions and ambulance call outs;
- Reducing calls to police to attend minor incidents.

3.4 Given the continued success of the Safe Bus in recent years it is intended this will be repeated in future years.

### **Integrated Inspection of Services for Children and Young People**

3.5 The Community Safety Hub and Street Stuff were inspected as part of the Integrated Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in Renfrewshire during January. The visit was led by the Care Inspectorate with support from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland. The inspectors were looking at what services do to:

- Improve outcomes for all children and young people;
- Ensure a high quality of services for children (particularly vulnerable children and young people);
- Engage with young people to help them to improve services and build capacity.



- 3.6 The Inspectors have already attended the Daily Tasking and the Community Safety Hub meetings and are scheduled to visit the Street Stuff Programme during February 2015, when they will see the programme in action engaging and interacting with young people. A full inspection report is scheduled to be published later in 2015. Relevant findings will be brought back to this Board.

#### **Fire Reach**

- 3.7 The Fire Reach programme is delivered through a partnership including 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 next course is scheduled to take place during February 2015. Overall, as a result of programmes of this type, the number of fires attended by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service across Renfrewshire continues to reduce.

#### **Safe Kids**

- 3.8 The annual 'Safekids' input to all P6 pupils in Renfrewshire will be delivered throughout the month of March. The programme covers issues such as antisocial behaviour, internet safety, environmental crime, fire safety, knife crime, drugs and alcohol awareness and the use of CCTV. Overall, as a result of programmes of this type, incidents of youth related antisocial behaviour continue to decline year on year, with more than a 70% reduction over the past 6 years.

#### **School Talks**

- 3.9 The Community Safety Youth Team continue to conduct 'School Talks' in all schools in Renfrewshire. Youth Officers advise P7 and S1 school pupils on the impact of antisocial behaviour and raise awareness of diversionary activities such as 'Street Stuff'. School talks operate throughout the school year.

#### **Emissions Testing**

- 3.10 In March, Renfrewshire Wardens Service will undertake a 2 day Vehicle Emissions patrol in Paisley town centre in partnership with Police Scotland and the Council's licensing section. The wardens will check whether vehicle emissions are within legal requirements. Licensing Officers will also inspect taxis and private-hire vehicles.

### **4. Street Stuff**

#### **Festive Football**

- 4.1 During the Christmas holidays, Street Stuff hosted a festive football programme for girls and boys aged 10-18 at St Mirren's indoor dome. There were 9 sessions of football that took place in the evenings from 22 December – 3 January which were attended by over 400 young people. This was an improved turnout for the festive football programme when compared to its inaugural event last year. As



the success of the event continues to grow, it is intended to schedule the festive football programme again for 2015.

#### **Street Stuff Evaluation Follow Up**

- 4.2 Board members will be aware that an independent evaluation of the Street Stuff programme was undertaken by the University of the West of Scotland during 2014. As a follow up, Social Work students from the University conducted a two week observation placement during January 2015. The students were shown how Street Stuff links into Social Work in practice and wrote a report on understanding poverty, inequality and discrimination. The report will be used by Street Stuff for further evaluation and development purposes.

#### **Bank of Scotland Midnight League**

- 4.3 Street Stuff is joining the Bank of Scotland Midnight League which is a national network of five-a-side football. Scottish FA coaches run the sessions at local sports centres and other venues, usually on Friday and Saturday evenings, with teams competing in weekly leagues. This joint working initiative will allow Street Stuff to operate extra football sessions 5 nights a week for a 12 week period.

### **5. Building Safer and Greener Communities Update**

- 5.1 At the last round of meetings, the Safer and Stronger and the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Boards agreed to jointly work on 2 projects focussed on Ferguslie Park / Phoenix and Johnstone Town Centres.
- 5.2 Since then the Director of Communities at the Scottish Government has written to the Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive looking for formal agreement to work with the Building Safer Communities National Programme as one of 7 initial locations across Scotland. It is clear from this invitation that the work of the Safer Renfrewshire Partnership in promoting community safety and public protection is emerging as a 'best practise' exemplar.
- 5.3 The primary advantage for the Safer Renfrewshire Partnership in participating in the national programme, is a greater profile for the area nationally that reflects positively on the work of the Partnership to build capacity and strengthen communities. Longer term this focus, which will also, necessarily, shine a spotlight on the issues of poverty and deprivation that are being tackled by the Partnership, should serve to strengthen the case being made for a fairer deal for Renfrewshire nationally.
- 5.4 To take this forward a meeting is being arranged between the Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive and members of the National Building Safer Communities Programme Board to discuss the local project further, and the nature of the assistance that the national programme could offer Renfrewshire.



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To: **A Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

On: **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Report by:  
Director of Finance & Resources

## **TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD – AUGUST 2015 TO NOVEMBER 2016**

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board for the period August 2015 to November 2016.
- 1.2 As the Board has agreed to develop a programme of visits to projects/initiatives to coincide with meetings, consideration should also be given to identifying which projects/initiatives to visit and suitable venues for meetings.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board approves the timetable of meetings to November 2016; schedule a programme of visits to projects/initiatives; and identify suitable venues for meetings to coincide with visits.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.



3.2 The proposed dates and times of meetings are:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015 at 10am
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 10am
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 10am
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 at 10am
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 10am
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 at 10am
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 10am

3.3 It should be noted that one meeting remains of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board from the 2014/15 calendar which will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 2.30pm.