

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

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Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on some of the activities the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine area in quarter 2 (1 July – 30 September 2015). Statistical information has been provided by a number of partners including: Police Scotland; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; and Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. The report includes information on:

- Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine community safety statistics;
- environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- protecting vulnerable residents;
- building safer communities;
- diversionary activities;
- the development of the integrated control room and CCTV;
- the work of Adult Protection.

1.2 Overall, during quarter 2 levels of recorded crime decreased within the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside area when compared with the same period in the last year.

- 1.3 Street Stuff continues to be delivered with total attendance within the LAC area of 1276 participants. Level of vandalism and youth disorder remain low, similar to levels achieved in the same quarter last year.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of this progress update report.
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3. Focus on Houston, Crosslee and Riverside

- 3.1 During this quarter, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have continued to target resources into hotspot areas where the highest number of crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents were reported:
- Within Ward 9, reported incidents of ASB decreased by one-quarter in comparison to the corresponding period last year. The highest tariff incident type was identified as Public Nuisance, where the majority of complaints were made on Saturdays and Sundays between 1800hrs and 2000hrs.
 - Within Ward 10, reported incidents of ASB reduced by more than one-half (52%). This significant reduction remains related to an ongoing situation last year within Bridge of Weir, which has now been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.
 - There was a slight reduction of around 6% in reported ASB incidents within Ward 11 during the most recent quarter. The highest tariff incident type was Public Nuisance, with complaints peaking on Saturdays and Sundays between 1900hrs and 2100hrs.
- 3.2 During this quarter, increases were noted within all of the Crime Types, with Serious Violent Crime increasing (from 2 to 5 crimes); Minor Assaults increasing by 8 incidents to 26; and vandalism increasing slightly from 16 to 20 incidents. The increases identified within Drug crime remain consistent with both the local and national picture and reflect current policing priorities towards crimes of this type.

- 3.3 A very slight increase was noted within Drug Crimes (by two incidents, however remains at a very low level), whilst reductions were identified in Minor Assaults and Vandalism. Serious Violent Crime continues to remain static at a very low level.
- 3.4 Within Ward 11, an increase was noted within Drug Crimes (increased from 3 to 8), and a slight increase in vandalism (from 11 to 14 incidents), whilst reductions were noted within Minor Assault and Serious Violent Crime, the latter producing no incidents during the quarterly reporting period.

Crime Type	Q2 2014/15			Q2 2015/16			Change		
	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Serious Violent Crime	2	1	2	5	1	0	↑	↔	↓
Minor Assault	18	7	12	26	6	9	↑	↓	↓
Drug Crime	13	1	3	41	3	8	↑	↑	↑
Disorder and ASB	191	125	160	144	60	150	↓	↓	↓
Vandalism	16	11	11	20	6	14	↑	↓	↑

- 3.5 During July to September 2015, 11% of all complaints to Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership (Community Resources) were related to Dog Fouling, again the most common complaint. 611 community safety patrols were undertaken in Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area with a number of targeted interventions, however it continues to be the case that catching irresponsible owners at the point that dog fouling occurs remains very challenging:

Dog Issues dealt with by actions	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Dog Warden Visit	6	0	0
Dog fouling sign erected	0	0	3
Dog returned to owners	2	0	0
Dog taken to SSPCA	2	0	0
Visit re out of control dog	9	13	9
Warning letter issued	0	1	0
Monitoring visit (DCN)	6	7	26

- 3.6 Unfortunately, statistics from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's activities are unavailable this quarter. The next LAC report will cover the period July-December 2015.

3.7 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's initiatives help to contribute to reductions in fires. In August, The Festival of Fire celebrated the West of Scotland's proud fire fighting heritage:

- Thousands of spectators watched the Fire Engine Rally from Johnstone Fire Station to an assemble point at Houston Square which allowed residents to get up close to the vintage and current fire vehicles.
- Visitors were able to enjoy family entertainment including chip-pan fire demos, a bouncy castle, birds of prey and a selection of stalls.
- Renfrewshire's Provost Anne Hall also took part in road traffic accident demonstration when she was cut out of a car and 'rescued' by fire fighters.

In September, Johnstone Community Fire Station was a venue at Doors Open day allowing the public to see the inner workings of the service.

3.8 The table below shows that the calls to Police Scotland relating to vandalism & youth disorder remained constant. This low level vandalism & youth disorder can be directly linked to the increasing Street Stuff attendances.

Vandalism & Youth Disorder			
Ward	Q2 2014/15	Q2 2015/16	% Change
9	24	24	↔
10	16	11	31%↓
11	32	39	22%↑

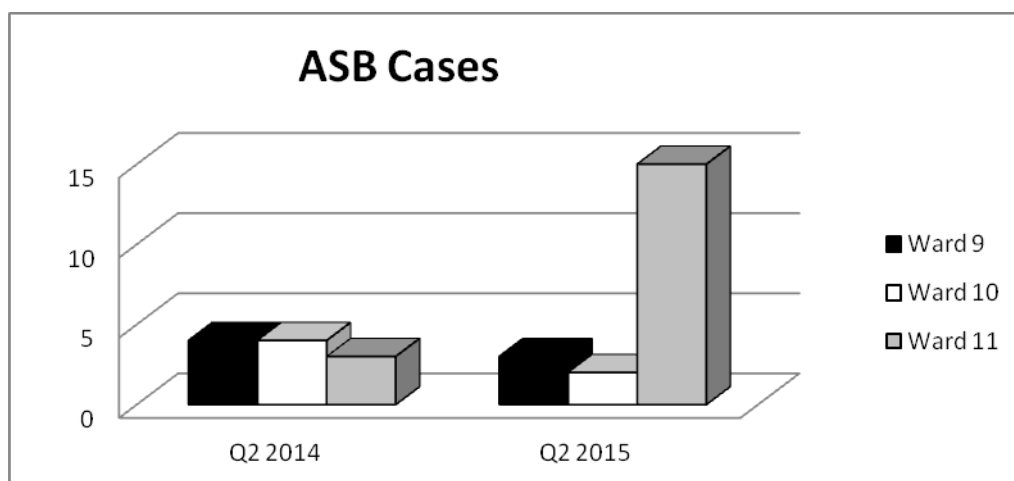
3.9 Within Ward 9, incidents remained at the same level as for the corresponding quarterly reporting period last year. There were no peak days or locations identified, however incidents peaked between 1800hrs and 2000hrs.

3.10 There was a reduction of nearly one-third in reported Vandalism & Youth Disorder incidents within Ward 10 (31%). Due to the very small number of incidents involved, there were no obvious geographic or temporal patterns identified.

3.11 Within Ward 11, incidents increased from 32 to 39 during the most recent quarter. There was a slight concentration of incidents within the West Freelands area (which includes Park Drive, Park Gate, etc). The only repeat complaint related to youths gathering in the area of the woods, with peak day being identified as Sunday, and a peak time between 1900hrs and 2000hrs.

However, many of the individuals involved have been identified and referred to the Community Safety Youth Team.

- 3.12 During July to September 2015, the number of antisocial behaviour cases referred to Community Safety increased significantly compared with corresponding period in 2014. This was mainly youth cases in Wards 11 relating to groups gathering causing disorder. Local residents have been very helpful in identifying the young people involved in these ASB incidents.



- 3.13 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership's main diversionary project is Street Stuff. This project has now been operating across Renfrewshire for the last 6 years and continues to contribute significantly towards reductions in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.

- 3.14 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area from July to September 2015:

Venue	Sessions	Attendance
Our Lady of Peace Football	11	144
Our Lady of Peace Bus	11	153
Bargarran Football	26	396
Bargarran Box	21	250
Linwood Park Football	17	113
Inchinnan Park Football	13	126
Ardgryffe Football	12	94
Total	111	1276

- 3.15 Funding from this LAC in 2015/16 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. Street Stuff now provide 9 sessions over 5 days per week in the autumn months in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area. Previously in 2014 it was only 8 sessions over 4 days per week. The

Street Stuff timetable attached as Appendix 1 shows the locations and dates of activities being delivered from 1 October – 12 December 2015 across Renfrewshire. New areas are currently being explored for additional activities to be delivered over the next few months and timetable will be updated accordingly.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

4.1 Keep Scotland Beautiful - Dog Fouling Fortnight (30 September - 13 October 2015)

Recent research carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) found that almost 70% of people rated dog fouling as the item on our streets that bothered them most. 64% of KSB campaign supporters also said they encountered dog fouling while carrying out Clean Up events this year. The KSB campaign Dog Fouling Fortnight aims to provoke support from the public in tackling the issue of dog fouling in communities. To support this national campaign the Wardens Service provided high visibility support, utilising existing resources and staff, to highlight the issue, including:

- CCTV vehicles focussed on parks or near open ground and at dog fouling hotspots identified by local knowledge and statistical information;
- Wardens distributed 'Know the Law' dog fouling leaflets and provided advice to dog walkers and residents within local parks and Town Centres.
- Partnership working with Police Scotland and StreetScene staff in sharing information for follow up enforcement or informal educational action.

4.2 Vehicle Emissions Testing

This bi-annual event took place on 28 and 29 October 2015. Community Safety wardens working in partnership with Police Scotland carried out emissions testing on light vehicles entering the Air Quality Control Management Area in Paisley town centre. During a similar initiative in March 2015, 229 vehicles were tested and 8 failed resulting in the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices to the drivers.

5. Protecting the Vulnerable

5.1 Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

A Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a multi agency victim-focussed meeting where information is shared on the highest risk cases of domestic abuse between different statutory and voluntary sector agencies.

The role of the MARAC is to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase public safety.

- 5.2 These meetings are chaired by ASSIST, a specialist domestic abuse advocacy and support service focused on reducing risk and improving the safety of victims of domestic abuse. ASSIST is managed by Community Safety Glasgow (CSG) a charitable partnership between Glasgow City Council and The Scottish Police Authority. At the last MARAC meeting in August, ASSIST notified all relevant members that they were no longer in a position to continue resourcing and convening MARAC meetings.
- 5.3 The Renfrewshire Safer and Stronger Action Plan highlights Renfrewshire Council's commitment to supporting the roll out of ASSIST and to establishing an active and effective Renfrewshire MARAC. Therefore, from October 2015 Renfrewshire's Community Safety Partnership have taken on the role as MARAC Coordinator, and Police Scotland will chair the meetings. ASSIST will offer a transitional support in taking on the MARAC co-ordination processes and additional training for relevant officers will be sourced. Woman's Aid has also agreed to continue with the support they currently provide around accommodating the monthly MARAC meetings. Current estimates indicate that around 310 cases per year within Renfrewshire will be handled by the MARAC.
- 5.4 A report was submitted to the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group on the next steps and it was agreed that MARAC form part of the Public Protection agenda and continue to feed into the Gender Based Violence Steering group.
- 5.5 **Keep Safe**

Keep Safe works in partnership with Police Scotland and a network of local businesses to create 'Keep Safe' places for disabled, vulnerable, and elderly people when out and about in the community. People can access these premises to seek assistance and help if they feel lost, confused, scared, in danger, or have been the victim of a crime. The Keep Safe initiative is currently running in Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, and Dumfries & Galloway, and is being rolled out across Scotland in partnership with other Local Authorities. In Renfrewshire, we have signed up 8 new Keep Safe places: Williamsburgh Housing Association, Intu Braehead, Salvation Army - Erskine, Engage Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire Carers Centre, Bluewater Dentist, Mistylaw Medical Centre, and the RSPB Visitor Centre. Work is ongoing to encourage more businesses to sign up and a full list Keep Safe premises can be viewed at www.iammescotland.co.uk.

6. Building Safer Communities

6.1 Stalled Spaces

Stalled Spaces Scotland is an initiative managed by Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) on behalf of the Scottish Government to tackle vacant and derelict land sites. Following the submission of an application to A&DS, Renfrewshire Council was awarded £10,000. This award was matched via funding available from the Council's 2015/16 Local Green Network budget.

6.2 Community groups within Renfrewshire have been invited to apply for funding to tackle vacant and derelict land sites within their local communities. Applications are open for grants of between £250 and £5,000, although it is anticipated that the majority of awards will be for approximately £2,000. A&DS stipulate that 75% of funding must be within town centre locations, and emphasise that projects must be of a temporary nature. Examples of projects include growing grounds, art displays or theatre performances.

6.3 Almost half of the Stalled Spaces funding has already been allocated to four community groups:

- (i) Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR): £2,400 sought for a vacant plot beside the West End Community Centre. The vacant site has been subject to fire raising and antisocial behaviour. ROAR is looking to restore the site to enable use by the local community.
- (ii) I Am Me Scotland: £2,000 sought for a filming project on a derelict mill site in the Johnstone area which has been subject to fire raising and youth disorder.
- (iii) Loud n Proud, Paisley: £2,007 sought for a series of pop up interactive music events in un-used space in the centre of Paisley.
- (iv) West End Community Council, Paisley: £1,900 for the clearance and improvement of two derelict sites.

Renfrewshire Council and Engage Renfrewshire are currently working with a number of other organisations on their applications..

6.4 Information on how to apply for a grant is given on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). Applications are judged by the Greener Thematic Board on a rolling basis.

7. Diversionary Activities

7.1 Street Stuff

In August 2015, the annual international match between Street Stuff and Football Beyond Borders London was held at St Mirren Park. The London team comprised of young people experiencing difficulties in school. The match was organised by the Scottish Football Partnership and Football Beyond Borders (an international organisation that uses the sport to engage with young people). The Street Stuff team are scheduled to play a return match in London next year at the Football Beyond Borders tournament.

7.2 Dance Sessions Extended Renfrewshire wide

The University of the West of Scotland's 2014 evaluation report of Street Stuff identified that girls wanted more choice in the activities available from the programme. In response, Street Stuff piloted a new dance class in January 2015. In September, Street Stuff rolled out the dance format to other LAC areas due to its popularity.

A dance display was held in Glenburn Community Centre on 16th October with young people from Glenburn and Gallowhill with over 100 parents in attendance. Plans are now underway in preparation for a Christmas display with young people from all over Renfrewshire.

7.3 Girls Development Programme

Street Stuff with 'St Mirren in the Community' started a new football initiative in September, the Girls Development Programme. This initiative creates more choice for girls and gives them an opportunity to enhance and develop their footballing skills. The classes are on every Wednesdays for girls in the age groups of 8-10 and 11-14.

8. Integrated Control Room & CCTV System

The construction of the new Community Safety Hub & Integrated Control Room at Mill Street, Paisley was completed in September 2015. A programme has been developed for the moves of employee groups that will be based in the new facility, from Clark Street and Renfrewshire House, with the moves planned in 3 phases between late September and December 2015. Multi-agency daily tasking meetings are now held there, with the hub staff, CCTV operators and Police Scotland operatives being located within the facility.

9. Public Protection Spotlight – Adult Protection

9.1 Adult Protection in Renfrewshire

Renfrewshire's Adult Protection Committee (RAPC) is the inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for the overview and effectiveness of adult protection activity. Their vision statement is:

In Renfrewshire we recognise that adult protection is everyone's business. Our vision is to promote public awareness and to use our collective endeavour to protect adults at risk of harm in Renfrewshire

The RAPC works to provide advice and guidance and is committed to supporting the improvement of skill and knowledge of those working with adults at risk of harm. It can do this by making proposals, giving recommendations and by remitting actions to sub-committees. Some of this can result from critical incident reviews or from self evaluation exercises. The RAPC meets bi-monthly and its members include an independently appointed Chair. It also has representation from a range of public bodies and key community partners. Tasked with submitting a biennial report to the Scottish Government noting its activities and main areas of focus, the RAPC has a commitment to review the practice and performance of adult protection activity in Renfrewshire.

9.2 In general, adults are not considered to require protection. However there are circumstances when adults, over 16, are known or believed to be at risk of harm. This is defined by the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, where adults:

- are unable to safeguard their own well-being, property, rights or other interests,
- are at risk of harm, and
- because they are affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, are more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected.

The harm can take various forms and is not restricted to only one type occurring at the same time. Harm can also be carried out by any individual and it does not need to be intentional. All three points noted above must be known or believed to be the case prior to making a referral under this Act.

9.3 The point of access for referrals in Renfrewshire is the Adult Services Referral Team (ASeRT). Any individual can make a referral to this team under the Act. 1708 referrals were received during 2014/15 which was a similar to the

previous year's total. Police Scotland is responsible for the majority of referrals and this continued in 2014/15 at 73% of all referrals. Social Work Services have a statutory responsibility to make inquiries into every referral. 105 referrals proceeded to investigation in 2014/15 under the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007. However, adults can be supported and protected under a number of other Acts.

- 9.4 The 2007 Act was introduced to expand the protection legislation for adults which also includes the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Adult with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2001. Health and Social Work services can at times only intervene in cases using these Acts when authority has been granted through the Scottish Courts and where there is evidence of significant or serious harm.

10. Background

- 10.1 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership brings together key resources to tackle and address issues to sustain and maintain safer and stronger communities. The Partnership consists of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies.
- 10.2 Our Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership long-term vision is that: 'Renfrewshire is known as a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection and are free from crime. A culture of fairness, respect and equality exists and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected'.

Implications of this Report

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

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

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

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

List of Background Papers - none

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<u>Monday –</u>	
<u>4pm – 6:30pm</u>	<u>6:30pm-9:30pm</u>
Beechwood Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Underwood Lane - Football Only Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and the Box	Beechwood Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Knockhill Park - Football only Johnstone Castle MUGA top spot - Football only Underwood Lane - Football Only Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and the Box St Anne's Primary School - Youth Bus only Howwood Primary School - Dance Only
<u>Tuesday</u>	
<u>4pm – 6:30pm</u>	<u>6:30pm- 9:30pm</u>
Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Gallowhill Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Our lady of Peace Primary School MUGA - Football only McMaster Centre MUGA - Football +the Box	Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Gallowhill Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Our lady of Peace Primary School MUGA - Football only Lochfield Marshes - Football + Youth Bus McMaster Centre MUGA - Football +the Box
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<u>Thursday</u>		
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<u>Friday – 6:30pm-9:30pm (except **)</u> Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Bargarran Primary School MUGA - Football + Box Glenburn Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Only Skye Cres - Football only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football Only 8:15pm-10:15pm ** St Mirren FC Stadium - Table Tennis 6:30pm-8:00pm McMaster Centre MUGA - Football Only Lochwhinnoch Annexe - Youth Bus only		
<u>Saturday – 5:30pm-8:30pm</u> Gallowhill Community Centre - Football + Box Bargarran Primary School MUGA - Football + Box Skye Cres - Football Only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football + Youth Bus Johnstone Castle Top Spot - Football Only		<u>Sunday – 2pm – 4pm</u> Gallowhill Community Centre - Football Only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football Only McMaster Centre MUGA - Football Only
October Week	Glenburn Comm. Centre	Gallowhill Comm Centre
12 th October	10am – 3pm Dance and Football	10am – 3pm Dance and Football
13 th October		
14 th October		10am –1.30pm Dance and Football
15 th October		10am – 3pm Football
16 th October		10am – 3pm Dance and Football

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