

Minute of Meeting

Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 31 August 2016	10:00	CMR1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Williams, Renfrewshire Council; S Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; S MacDougall, O Reid and D Hawthorn (all Renfrewshire Council).

CHAIR

Councillor Williams, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

C Grainger, C Dalrymple, M Hendry, D Kerr, Y Farquhar and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; F Capaldi, Police Scotland; D McKenna, Renfrewshire Community Health & Social Care Partnership; and A Lowe, Independent Chair, Renfrewshire Adult and Child Protection Committees.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Perrie, Renfrewshire Council; J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; R Kennedy, Police Scotland; S Cruikshank, Forum for Empowering Communities; K Philips, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 16 May 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be noted.

2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the updates be noted; and
- (b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3(a) **SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS – ADULT PROTECTION**

A presentation was given by the Independent Chair, Renfrewshire Adult and Child Protection Committees relative to an update on Adult Protection.

The presentation outlined the Improvement Plan and Strategy and the initial drivers and key areas of focus; highlighted key developments; and detailed future activity.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3(b) **SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS – MULTI AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE**

A presentation was given by the Community Safety Hub Manager, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council and Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland relative to an update on the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

The presentation gave a brief overview of MARAC and outlined the definition; detailed some of the cases currently under MARAC; highlighted the background of MARAC in Renfrewshire; indicated some MARAC statistics; and summarised best practice and next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 **RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES – YEAR 3 PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources which provided detail on the three year progress for the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

The report indicated that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership was committed to ensuring that resources were deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture had been embedded within the partnership which promoted collective responsibility for achieving the outcomes. It was noted that clear accountability and reporting was an important aspect of the approach being taken.

The report provided an overview of the thematic board's key achievements, detailed Year 3 progress against each individual impact measure; and identified the key activities being undertaken by the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board to progress the prevention agenda which was outlined within the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board's key achievements as highlighted within the report be noted;
- (b) That the performance of the impact measures as highlighted within the report be noted;
- (c) That the challenges and implications relating to a small number of impact measures detailed within the report be noted;
- (d) That the contribution the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board in progressing the prevention agenda as detailed within the report be noted; and
- (e) That it be noted that the information contained within the report would be included as part of the annual Community Planning Performance Report to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 21 September 2016.

5 PUBLIC PROTECTION OPERATION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update for the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board on recent activities carried out in relation to public protection.

DECIDED: That the progress update report be noted.

6 COUNTER TERRORISM PREVENT STRATEGY PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update of progress made in understanding and responding to the threat posed by Terrorism and the role of Renfrewshire's Multi Agency CONTEST (Prevent) Group. It provided information on current threat levels and how they were determined.

The report advised that Renfrewshire's Multi Agency CONTEST (Prevent) Group was now firmly established with consistent membership across all of the relevant agencies and partners involved in this work within Renfrewshire. The group acted as the multi agency joint tasking group for Counter Terrorism activity. The role and remit of the group was to identify priorities and opportunities for tackling terrorism and organised crime across Renfrewshire. It undertook high level assessments to identify a clear understanding of radicalisation, the levels of awareness across the Council and partners and the actions being taken to prevent people from being radicalised.

The report noted that recent focus had been on raising awareness of Prevent training and exercising, and establishing effective monitoring and performance measures for the group. Also being considered was the potential impact of a change in the current threat level in the UK to CRITICAL – both in terms of impact on the community, but also the response of various agencies and the communications that would be required. There were significant developments planned to coordinate training and awareness of Prevent across the area. These included a significant Contest (Prevent) Exercise and the development of a training Prospectus.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the progress achieved in understanding and responding to the threat posed by terrorism be noted; and
- (b) That the steps taken and future plans to raise awareness of prevent and prevent people from being drawn into terrorism be noted.

7 COMMUNITY JUSTICE TRANSITION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Community Justice Transition.

The report advised that in response to the requirements of the Community Justice Scotland Act 2016 a multi-agency transitions group which involved the key partners was created within Renfrewshire. This had now become the Community Justice Steering Group which reported to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board, this group was currently in the process of undertaking and completing several tasks which were outlined within the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 POLICE SCOTLAND – COUNTER CORRUPTION UNIT ASSURANCE (HMICS)

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the published findings of the Assurance Review of Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit which was carried out following a request from the Scottish Police Authority (SPA).

The report advised that the review was very focused on the work of the Counter Corruption Unit and the 39 actions that had been identified to be taken forward by Police Scotland which related primarily to the organisational structures, governance and operating procedures that were and should be in place within Police Scotland.

The report noted that the recommendations contained within the review were of value to the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board as a procedure for highlighting best practice. The report had been circulated to the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group for use in this way. There were three recommendations that were worth noting in particular as they impacted on the partnership work that was ongoing between Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Council and these were highlighted within the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the HMICS Assurance Review of the Police Scotland Counter Corruption Unit published on 27 June 2016 be noted; and
- (b) That the three recommendations that had a particular relevance to the ongoing work of the Community Safety Partnership as detailed within the report be noted.

9 **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF STRATEGIC POLICE PRIORITIES FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION PAPER**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland.

The report advised that the Scottish Government published a consultation in June 2016 on draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland. This followed a pre consultation phase which had been running up to end of April 2016 centred around the question "What are your priorities for your police service?"

The final date for submissions to the consultation was 16 August 2016. A response from Renfrewshire Council was submitted within the timescales set by the Scottish Government and a copy of the response was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Consultation on draft Strategic Police Priorities carried out by the Scottish Government be noted;
- (b) That Renfrewshire Council's submitted consultation response as detailed within the appendix to the report be noted.

10 **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION 2016/2019**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) consultation on its draft Strategic Plan 2016/19.

The draft plan set out SFRS commitments for the next three years and established how the Service would seek to improve community safety, its response and resilience and address inequality while enhancing the wellbeing of the people of Scotland. The report intimated that the final date for submissions to the consultation was 9 August 2016 and the Council response which had been submitted by that deadline was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the consultation on the draft SFRS Strategic Plan (2016/2019) be noted; and
- (b) That Renfrewshire Council's submitted consultation response as detailed within the Appendix to the report be noted.

11 **UPDATE ON DEVELOPING PHASE 2 OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HUB**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on progress with the development of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub, the areas of work delivered from the hub since it was established in September 2015 and initial plans for the future development of the hub.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the overall progress contained within the report be noted; and
- (b) That the proposals for the future development of Phase 2 development of the Community Safety Hub around opportunities identified across 4 key themes be noted.

12 **SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICING 2015/16**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2015/16, submitted to the Scottish Parliament in June 2016 and which reported progress against each of the four strategic police priorities.

The report intimated that the four strategic Police Scotland priorities aligned well with agreed local priorities and provided examples of local activities and practice against each priority.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the publication of the Annual Review of Policing 2015/2016 by the Scottish Police Authority be noted; and
- (b) That the focus of the work of Police Scotland on a range of issues that had direct relevance to Renfrewshire and that aligned with the work of the Community Safety Partnership be noted.

**13 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE
THEMATIC BOARD - JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017**

There was submitted a proposed timetable for meetings of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board for the period January 2017 to June 2017.

DECIDED: That the timetable of meetings until June 2017 be approved.