

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

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

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillors Williams and Perrie (Renfrewshire Council); S Miller (Engage Renfrewshire); S Cruikshank (Forum for Empowering Communities); W Kennedy (North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority); R Kennedy (Police Scotland); K Stewart (Procurator Fiscal's Office); B Grant (Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce); D Leese and F Mackay (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); S MacDougall, O Reid, I Beattie, F Carlin, D Mair and A Conboy (All Renfrewshire Council); L King (Scottish Children's Reporters Administration); M Gallgher (Scottish Fire and Rescue); C Prentice (Victim Support Renfrewshire); and A Cumberland (West College Scotland).

Chair

Councillor Williams

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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- Update new RAPC inter-agency Strategy and Improvement Plan: and
- Adult Protection awareness campaigns

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Joint presentation by Community Safety Hub Manager, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council and Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland.

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Minute of Meeting Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 16 May 2016	10:00	CMR1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Williams and Perrie (both Renfrewshire Council); S Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; S Cruikshank, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Kennedy, Police Scotland; S MacDougall, O Reid and D Hawthorn (all Renfrewshire Council); J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue; and A Dick, West College Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor T Williams, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

T Irvine, Y Farquhar, C Grainger and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); D Reid, Alcohol & Drugs Partnership; and L Devine, Stronger Communities (Glenburn).

APOLOGIES

W Kennedy, North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority; K Philips, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and F Carlin, D Mair and A Conboy (all Renfrewshire Council).

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 23 March 2016.

DECISION: That the Minute be noted.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

(a) ALCOHOL & DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

A presentation was given by D Reid, ADP Co-ordinator which outlined the National Framework; highlighted the recent changes in policy and the strategic priority outcome areas; defined the ADP governance and accountability arrangements; detailed the quality principles and performance; summarised the role of the specialist addiction service; and highlighted key actions.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

(b) STRONGER COMMUNITIES

L Devine, Engagement Officer, Stronger Communities gave a presentation relative to the Stronger Communities project in Glenburn. The presentation gave a brief overview of the project; highlighted the goals for Glenburn; detailed what stage the project had reached; and the vision and idea for the future of Stronger Communities in Renfrewshire.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – TACKLING POVERTY INITIATIVES

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to Tackling Poverty Community Safety Partnership Initiatives.

The report indicated that a Tackling Poverty Strategy for Renfrewshire was set up in September 2015 within the context of the current opportunities and challenges that Renfrewshire would face in coming years. A number of priorities were being taken forward by Community Resources and Police Scotland which impacted on the Safer and Stronger action plan.

Four workstreams were set up within the Tackling Poverty Action Plan in which the Community Resources Strategic Change Board had a key role in reviewing progress and monitoring performance against the agreed outcomes.

DECIDED:

- (a) That progress with the four workstreams impacting on the Safer and Stronger action plan within the Tackling Poverty Action Plan be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that a further report would be submitted to a future Board outlining the performance against the success measures for each of the workstreams.

5 RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – DAILY TASKING – IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection providing an overview of the review of Daily Tasking and an update on the progress of the implementation of recommendations made as a result of the Daily Tasking evaluation carried out in September 2015.

The report advised that in September 2015 an evaluation of the Daily Tasking process was conducted in order to identify gaps or weaknesses in the process and to make recommendations to mitigate against these in order to ensure that the communities of Renfrewshire received the most effective service from the Partnership, and that the process was as comprehensive and efficient as possible. Revised Terms of Reference for Daily Tasking were outlined in the appendix to the report.

Since the review, efforts had been successful in securing the regular attendance of a number of key partners within the Daily Tasking process and it was noted that this was delivering improvements in service outcomes.

The report intimated that the Daily Tasking process would continue to respond to the changing environment in which it operated and would align with the priorities of the Council and the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board. Particular areas of work for the year ahead would include a focus on Paisley Town Centre and how the information gathered could be utilised to identify improvements to service provision within the town centre. The initial response to the Missing Persons consultation would also require development to be incorporated into daily working practices to ensure Daily Tasking played a crucial role in the response to missing persons.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the revised terms of reference for Daily Tasking within the Appendix to the report be noted;
- (b) That the progress with the recommendations made as part of the review of Daily Tasking be noted; and

- (c) That it be noted that regular reports would be submitted on an ongoing basis to ensure the continued development of the Daily Tasking process.

6 COUNTER CORRUPTION, SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME & COUNTER TERRORISM

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection relative to progress made in understanding and responding to the threat posed by serious organised crime and counter corruption.

The report advised that the Council's strategy to counter corruption and to respond to the threat posed by serious organised crime was driven by an Integrity Group which had now been in place for a little over a year. The approach to developing a strategic response to this agenda was to ensure a proportionate response to the risks identified across the Council.

The report indicated that many of the relevant interventions reflected good internal control, personnel and ICT management practices and the representation of these services at a senior level on the Integrity Group was critical to ensuring good progress was made. Specific issues had been identified by the group and were being developed further within a revised action plan.

A large number of high risk areas of activity, highlighted by the Police Scotland Counter Corruption Unit had been identified and in addition to these areas of focus other medium risk examples had been identified that would continue to feature in the plan and approach – primarily centred around contract vulnerabilities or areas where vulnerable residents might be targeted.

The report stated that as part of a proportionate strategy to tackle the threat posed by serious organised crime and corruption, the Council Integrity Group was in the process of developing a series of actions and recommendations for the Council and partners to consider based around the vulnerabilities that had been identified.

It was noted that an assessment of potential vulnerabilities was being undertaken by the National Counter Corruption Unit supported by the Chief Auditor which would guide the strategy as it was finalised providing focus and scope to ensure that key risks were prioritised for action.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the progress achieved in understanding and responding to the threat posed by serious organised crime and counter corruption be noted;
- (b) That the themes identified and the plans for the Integrity Group to update their assessments and actions accordingly be noted; and
- (c) That it be agreed that a further report on the work of the Integrity Group in relation to Serious Organised Crime and Counter Corruption be submitted to a future meeting.

7 **UPDATE ON MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON CHILD PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice bringing the Board's attention to the statement made by the Cabinet Secretary for Education on child protection arrangements.

The report advised that the Education Secretary had announced a comprehensive review of the child protection system in Scotland advising that the review would strengthen the steps taken when children had experienced, or were at risk from harm. The recommendations would be made at the end of 2016 and focus on child protection committees; initial case reviews; significant case reviews; and the child protection register.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 **EXTENSION OF MULTI-AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice providing an update on Multi-Agency Public Protection arrangements (MAPPA) within Renfrewshire. The report particularly focused on the extension to other offenders who present a risk of serious harm which commenced on 31 March 2016.

The report advised that MAPPA was introduced in April 2006 as a result of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005. This required the Police, Local Authorities, Health Boards and the Scottish Prison Service as the Responsible Authorities to establish multi-agency arrangements to assess and manage the risk posed by certain categories of offender.

Since 2006 this had related to registered sexual offenders who required to notify under sexual offences legislation, and mentally disordered restricted patients. However from 31 March 2016 Section 10(1)(e) of the above act extended the arrangements to include 'other' offenders, a list of which was included within the report.

The report provided a definition of "serious harm" and indicated that there was no automatic or statutory inclusion in this category, it was for the Responsible Authorities to decide, based upon the published criteria, to whom they wished it to apply. The criteria for 'other' offenders reflected that this extension would consider the critical few nationally, it was not an extension for all violent offenders. The Risk Management Authority considered that this would equate to approximately 100 cases nationally and numbers would be monitored by Scottish Government.

It was noted that new National MAPPA Guidance was published on 3 March 2016 and was available on the Scottish Government website. Changes from the previous 2014 issue of the guidance largely related to the inclusion of a chapter for the new risk of serious harm offender category, and updated the chapters on the significant case review process and offenders in the prison system, reflecting application of the new category. A full review of the national guidance would be undertaken throughout 2016 to reflect findings in relation to the National Thematic Review of MAPPA. A number of related work streams were planned or were underway nationally to take forward the recommendations of the report.

DECIDED:

That the COG note the changes and extension to MAPPA in Scotland and the work already underway within Renfrewshire to take forward the new arrangements.

9 SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD SPOTLIGHT REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources which provided a summary of progress against Safer and Stronger actions and measures over the first three years of the Community Plan, an overview of the agreed strategic priorities and focus for the Thematic Board and the key areas of work being taken forward by partners over the next year.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the strong performance and strategic focus achieved by the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board be noted;
- (b) That the strategic review of priorities and focus for the Renfrewshire Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board be noted;
- (c) That the agreed future work plan of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic board be noted;
- (d) That the challenges and implications relating to a small number of impact measures be noted; and
- (e) That it be noted that this report had been submitted to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 11 May 2016.

10 UPDATE ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to an update on the Scottish Government Review of Strategic Priorities.

The report intimated that the pre-consultation phase of the Review of Strategic Police Priorities, which centred around the question 'What are your priorities for your police service?', was originally scheduled to run up to 12 February 2016. This date had now been extended to run up to 29 April 2016. The Scottish Government were keen to continue the consultation process to ensure they had captured the full breadth of views and ensure that redrafted priorities took account of wider work around planning for police services in Scotland. The extension of the pre-consultation phase had delayed the start of the formal consultation phase, which would now take place during the summer.

The Scottish Government were advised that the Council would not be in a position to approve and submit a formal response until the end of August 2016 as the Council and Community Planning Boards were in recess over the summer. A Renfrewshire response would be drafted during the summer in consultation with members of the

Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board and submitted to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board for approval on 23 August 2016. A copy of the full response would be brought back to the next meeting of the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board for information.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the delay in progress of the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Police Priorities be noted: and
- (b) That it be agreed that a copy of the final response be submitted for the information at the next meeting of the Board on 31 August 2016.

11 **PUBLIC PROTECTION OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the performance outcomes and key achievements of Public Protection during financial year 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

It was noted that the performance information which was detailed within the report reflected sustained levels of high performance across all areas of Public Protection. The report advised that the performance information would be further enhanced with the introduction of some additional operational performance indicators which would align the service performance monitoring with key Council priorities.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
SAFER & STRONGER THEMATIC BOARD
ROLLING ACTION LOG**

KEY

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. 

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
S&S.23.03.16(4)	<u>Strategic Development of the Safer & Stronger Action Plan</u> Agreed that a Year 3 Progress Report be submitted to a future Board.	Lead Officer/ YF		Future meeting		
S&S.16.05.16(4)	<u>Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Tackling Poverty Initiatives</u> Noted that a report would be submitted to a future Board which outlined the performance against the success measures for each of the work streams.	OR		Future meeting		
S&S.16.05.16(6)	<u>Counter Corruption, Serious Organised Crime & Counter Terrorism</u> Agreed that a report on the work of the Integrity Group in relation to Serious Organised Crime and Counter Corruption be submitted to a future Board.	OR				
S&S.16.05.16(10)	<u>Update on Scottish Government Review of Strategic Police Priorities</u> A copy of the final response be submitted to the Board meeting in August.	OR		August 2015		

Item 2

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

Report by:

Shona MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council

Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan - Progress Against Year 3 Targets

1. Summary

- 1.1 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 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'.
- 1.2 The Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each impact measures. This report provides an overview of the thematic board's key achievements in Section 4, with detailed Year 3 progress against each individual impact measure outlined in Section 5 and the key activities being undertaken by the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board to progress the prevention agenda in section 8.
- 1.3 The report will also be considered as part of the combined Community Planning Partnership's Annual Community Planning Performance Report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- a) Notes the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board's key achievements as highlighted in Section 4;
- b) Notes the performance of the impact measures as highlighted in Section 5;
- c) Notes the challenges and implications relating to a small number of impact measures in Section 6;
- d) Notes the contribution the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board in progressing the prevention agenda in Section 8; and
- e) Notes that information contained within the report will be included as part of the Annual Community Planning Performance Report to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 21 September 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that our resources are deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture has been embedded with the partnership and promotes our collective responsibility for achieving our outcomes. Clear accountability and reporting is an important aspect of our approach.
- 3.2 The Renfrewshire Community Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-2023 was approved by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 12 June 2013 and was subsequently 'signed off' by the Minister for Local Government and Planning in August 2013.
- 3.3 Following this the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board was established and 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 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'.
- 3.4 The Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each impact measures. This report provides the progress the Board has made against its year three targets.

4 Key achievements

- 4.1 The Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board's Key achievements have included:

- Responding to the Scottish Government's consultation on working together for people who go missing in Scotland. Going missing is an indicator of vulnerability and can be both a symptom and cause of distress, for the missing person and their friends and families. It is a serious issue – with over 30,000 incidents a year reported nationally – 64% of which involve children and young people. Around 1 in 3 incidents are repeat missing incidents and for young people, going missing regularly can be an indicator of poorer future outcomes in life.

During 2015 the Scottish Government developed a draft strategy for consultation that proposed 8 commitments structured around 4 objectives:

- Prevent
- Respond
- Support
- Protect

Renfrewshire Child and Adult Protection Committees jointly hosted a consultation event on the 23rd November 2015 attended by practitioners from across Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership. Following this a formal written consultation response was produced and approved by the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership. The Scottish Government has since invited Renfrewshire to participate in a pilot project in relation to the strategy:

- Overseeing the development of refining the Community Safety Partnership daily tasking process. An evaluation of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Hub Daily Tasking meeting was conducted during September 2015. The main aim was to identify gaps, or weaknesses, in the process and to make recommendations to mitigate against these in

order to ensure that the communities of Renfrewshire receive the most effective service from the Partnership and that the process is as comprehensive and efficient as possible.

Overall, the results indicate that the daily tasking process works very well and brings significant benefits for all participants when they attend. However there are clear issues for some services in balancing competing demands on time and in considering how best to share and disseminate relevant information effectively.

In addition to these issues, consideration will be given by the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group to the impact that new legislative requirements will have on resources and working practises as it concludes its evaluation of the daily tasking process and how best all agencies at these meetings can maintain and improve on the strong performance of this service;

- Overseeing the delivery of phase 1 of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub. Over the past year the construction works of the new integrated control room at the former District Court building in Mill Street, Paisley have been completed. The £1.3m project included the replacement of all of the existing public space cameras on the network and a further 10 cameras being installed across Renfrewshire to improve coverage and resilience in the network. Improved mobile camera functionality has also been provided through the replacement of the mobile CCTV vans used within the wardens service. Upgraded software and functionality has been made available to the control room operators through the improved system, which is producing images of a much higher quality than was previously possible. The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership hub now brings together key services of the Community Safety Partnership such as Mediation, Investigation, Youth Team and Police and Council analytical services;
- Establishing an active and effective Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference within Renfrewshire supported by the Gender Based Violence Strategy Group and the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group;
- Contributing to the work of Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Strategy, through the expansion of the Streetstuff programme of diversionary activities, with over 37,000 participants at 2,000 sessions. The expanded programme has also developed links to the Families First programme and the enhanced breakfast club model;
- Supporting the night time economy of our Town Centres through the promotion of the Purple Flag accreditation for Paisley and the continued success of the Best Bar None awards, with 6 Renfrewshire premises recognised nationally during each of the last 2 years;
- Submission of a Renfrewshire Transition Plan to the Scottish Government as part of the legislative change needed to establish the new community justice model in Scotland;
- Contributing to the Strategic Police Agenda through the coordination of Renfrewshire's response to the draft annual Police Plan and the review of Strategic Police Priorities which is currently ongoing.

5 Performance against year 3 targets

- 5.1 In terms of the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board progress, year three performance suggests that the strong performance reported in the year 1 annual report has been maintained. However a small number of impact measures have failed to meet the year three target. Section 6 below provides further detail on the performance of these impact measures.

5.2 Year three performance information is not available for following four impact measures:

- Reduction in the number of teenagers who report being involved in 4 or more delinquent activities in the past 12 months;
- Reduction in the number of teenagers who report having committed 4 or more criminal acts in the past 12 months;
- Increase the perception of secondary school pupils who report their communities are safe places to live (1-4 lower the better); and
- Reduction of secondary school pupils reporting that they are living in communities with many problems.

Results for these indicators will be drawn from the second All Children's Wellbeing Survey which is provisionally scheduled for October 2016, with initial data being available December 2016 /January 2017.

5.2 Table 1 below highlights the year three performance against our targets.

Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Outcome 1. Renfrewshire is known as a place where people living, working or visiting feel safe and secure					
Percentage of adults who agree that Renfrewshire is a safe place to live.		83% (Baseline and Target revised November 2015)	N/A	83%	86%
Increase % of adults who agree with the statement "I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as place to live".		82%	N/A	86%	79%
% reduction in one year reconviction frequency rate		49.7%	49%	45%	43%
% reduction in the perception of the local drug dealing/use in neighbourhoods		13%	8%	11%	16%
% of residents stating they feel 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' when at home alone at night and when walking alone in the neighbourhood after dark		81%	85%	85%	88%
Outcome 2. Our communities live their lives safe from violence and anti-social behaviour and have responsible approach to accessing and using alcohol					
Number of crimes of violence.		416 (Baseline and Target revised November 2015)	N/A	252	250
Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (combined data from Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Service and Police Scotland)		19,149 (Baseline and Target revised November 2015)	N/A	11,489	12,616

Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Total number of reported incidents of domestic abuse		2,431	2,431	2,431	2,145
Number of reported incidents of domestic abuse per 100,000 of population		1,432	1,361	1,432	1,299
Number of complaints regarding vandalism and youth disorder		3,075 (Baseline and Target revised November 2015)	N/A	2,614	3,244
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					
Reduction in the proportion of adults referred to Social Work with three or more incidents of harm in each year		13%	9.4%	12%	6.4%
Reduction in the number of children looked after away from home		275	321	275	295
Reduction in the proportion of children subject to 2 or more periods of child protection registration in a 2 year period		6%	4.1%	6%	2%
Reduction in the number of teenagers who report being involved in 4 or more delinquent activities in the past 12 months	Baseline data available only	22%	Data will be available from the second All Children's Wellbeing Survey in early 2017		
Reduction in the number of teenagers who report having committed 4 or more criminal acts in the past 12 months	Baseline data available only	4%			
Reduce the number of children experiencing domestic abuse.		1,630	1,649	1,630	1,571
Increase the perception of secondary school pupils who report their communities are safe places to live (1-4 lower the better)	Baseline data available only	1.4	Data will be available from the second All Children's Wellbeing Survey in early 2017		
Reduction of secondary school pupils reporting that they are living in communities with many problems	Baseline data available only	35%			
Outcome 4. Renfrewshire citizens are positive, support equality and value diversity to achieve fairness for all within our communities					
Increase in the detection rate for hate crime and offences (Impact measure revised November 2015)		74%	N/A	86%	79.9%

6 Areas for Improvement and Remedial Action

6.1 As noted in Section 5 a small number of impact measures are proving particularly challenging and these will be a focus for the Thematic Board in terms of improving performance. The measures are highlighted in the table below:

Impact Measure	Remedial Action
Increase % of adults who agree with the statement "I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as place to live"	Analysis is being carried out to identify issues at a neighbourhood level and an action plan will be developed to address those issues identified in the analysis.
% reduction in the perception of the local drug dealing/use in neighbourhoods	Following a decline in recent years in the perception of drug dealing/use in neighbourhoods the most recent data available for this measure has shown an increase in Renfrewshire. Further analysis will be carried out to explain this increase and develop actions to address this issue.
Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (combined data from Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Service and Police Scotland)	Performance for both impact measures had previously exceeded year 3 and year 10 targets which led to the Board set more challenging targets for both measures. It is likely that a drive to improve reporting of such activity and the challenging nature of the revised targets will explain the current performance.
Number of complaints regarding vandalism and youth disorder	
Reduction in the number of children looked after away from home	In recent years the number of children looked after away from home has remained static. This reflects a strong focus on finding long-term stable placements for looked after children. Going forward the emphasis will continue to be on ensuring that placements are sustainable whether this is a permanent return home, a permanent arrangement to remain with kinship carers or foster carers, or in some cases, adoption. Placement decisions will always prioritise the safety and needs of the individual child.
Increase in the detection rate for hate crime and offences	<p>Hate Crime incidents are relatively small in number and therefore a small number of crimes can result in large change to the overall rate.</p> <p>To help address hate crime, Police Scotland has established the 'Grey Space' Community Tension Monitoring Group which operates across Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. Membership is drawn from the Catholic Church; Church of Scotland; local mosque; Buddhist community; LGBT+; Polish community; West College Scotland; University of West of Scotland, 'I Am Me'; NHS; and both local authorities.</p>

7 Revisions to Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan

- 7.1 No further revisions to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan are required at this stage.

8 Prevention

- 8.1 The key activities being undertaken by the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board to progress the prevention agenda include:

- **Street Stuff** is Renfrewshire's multi-award winning youth engagement and diversionary project which has helped reduce youth disorder in every area of Renfrewshire in which it operates. The service is delivered throughout Renfrewshire in locations which are identified through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership using relevant datasets. These include areas of multiple deprivation as well as areas with high incidences of youth disorder and anti social behaviour. Partners in the project include; Renfrewshire Council, St. Mirren Football Club, Engage Renfrewshire, Police Scotland, and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

Streetstuff engages with young people in their own community, in a fun and innovative way. It has been successful in reducing antisocial behaviour across Renfrewshire by improving engagement with those hardest to reach. The project has been a winner at both the CoSLA and the National Risk Management awards.

- **I Am Me** is a community based project which is supported by Renfrewshire Council and works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of disability hate crime. The project has two key initiatives - I Am Me and Keep Safe. The I Am Me project works with a range of partners to raise awareness of disability hate crime through innovative and engaging methods, such as drama and education. Keep Safe works with a network of local businesses to create safe places for disabled, elderly and vulnerable people when out in the community. Both initiatives are currently being rolled out across Scotland in partnership with Police Scotland and a number of other Scottish local authorities.

The initiatives have been innovative in their approach to community involvement and joint working as well as its use of drama to raise awareness. In 2015 I Am Me was the winner of the Peoples Choice Award / Wider Partnership Category at the Safer Communities Awards and the Community Champion 2015 award at Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce's ROCCO Awards in November 2015.

- **Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub** – As noted in Section 4 above the past year has seen the completion of construction works of the new integrated control room at the former District Court building in Mill Street, Paisley. The hub now brings together key services of the Community Safety Partnership such as the wardens services, enhanced CCTV, Mediation, Investigation, Youth Team and Police and Council analytical services. It provides a focal point to promote daily partnership working to make Renfrewshire's communities safer.

Phase 2 is being developed to focus on future implementation of services and facilities that enhance the operation of the Hub and maximise its usefulness and efficiency as a resource. Options include: wider CCTV monitoring; fire, intruder and Community Alarm monitoring; out of hours call management and key holding services.

- **Counter Terrorism Prevent Strategy** - Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies, listed in schedule 6 to the act, to have in the exercise of their functions, "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Scottish Local Authorities are listed under schedule 6 of the act. Renfrewshire has a Multi Agency Contest (Prevent) Group in place to meet the ends of

the Act. This group meets every two months, acting as a tasking forum where partners keep abreast of recent trends or developments.

The role and remit of the group is to identify priorities and opportunities for tackling terrorism and organised crime across Renfrewshire. It will undertake 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 core membership of the group contains a broad spectrum of key partners across Renfrewshire. It is now firmly established, with consistent membership.

- **Community Safety Partnership daily tasking process** - Daily Tasking in Renfrewshire has been an integral part of the work of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership for a number of years. Previously partner agencies would deliver their own work programmes with some element of partnership working, however the introduction and expansion of the Daily Tasking process ensures that this partnership approach is embedded to ensure there is an early intervention approach to dealing with public protection issues.
- **Brighter Renfrewshire Alcohol Awareness Week (BRAW)** - During June 2015, Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership hosted an alcohol awareness week, known as BRAW (Brighter Renfrewshire Alcohol Awareness Week). BRAW aims were to:
 - Promote sensible drinking messages;
 - Encourage people to seek support;
 - Change attitudes to alcohol;
 - Involve communities in tackling alcohol issues;
 - Prevent or reduce harm caused by alcohol;
 - Celebrate and support recovery from addiction.

The inaugural BRAW Week took place on 15 – 19 June 2015, where the aim was to engage the community in a fun & interactive way about the effects of alcohol. As well as promoting safe drinking messages.

- **Gender Based Violence Strategy Group & MARAC** - The overarching aim of the Renfrewshire Gender Based Violence (GBV) Strategy Group is working together for the elimination of all forms of violence and abuse against women and children. This includes protection, prevention, provision, participation and partnership working.

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a multi agency victim-focused 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.

- **Building Safer Greener Communities – Multi Agency Approach** - A Renfrewshire Multi-Agency Tasking Group has been established to develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy. The approach aims to reduce victims of crime and reduce victims of unintentional harm by carrying out structured multi agency interventions in key communities. This helps those communities to build capacity and resolve issues affecting the area in which they live. The approach is being led by Police Scotland with support from other Community Planning partners.

Geographical areas are identified with vulnerabilities and problems that could be addressed by a multi-agency approach. This includes high numbers of victims of crime and victims of unintentional harm. Over a six week period the group, made up of relevant

Community Planning Partners, work together to make improvements in the local community with a view to building long term community capacity.

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To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

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Public Protection, Operational Update

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides an update for the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board on recent activities carried out in relation to public protection, including information on:

- environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- protecting vulnerable residents;
- building safer communities;
- diversionary activities;
- the development of the Community Safety Hub and Integrated Control Room.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board notes the content of this progress update report.

3. Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

3.1 Rapid Response Team

The Rapid Response Team has been undertaking daily environmental enforcement patrols within Paisley town centre and the wider Renfrewshire area. Strong links have been established with local businesses and community groups working together to address environmental issues affecting specific areas. Work is ongoing to support local businesses and trades in disposing of trade waste responsibly. Whilst reported incidents of flytipping have not increased overall in the past year, it is clear that the majority of incidents now relate to flytipping of trade and business waste and this is a focus for investigation and enforcement by the Community Safety Partnership. Since April 2016 the team have:

- Carried out over 200 investigations of environmental crime including flytipping, backcourt dumping, trade waste, litterbins, flyposting, graffiti and street litter
- Issued 7 Section 34 Notices and 2 FPNs for littering issues;
- Uplifted and disposed of over 4 tonnes of waste.

3.2 **Community Clean Ups**

The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continue to support community groups and school pupils to do their bit for Renfrewshire by providing interested groups with litter pickers, graffiti removal kits and by arranging uplift of any rubbish collected. 21 litter picks / clean ups were conducted in Renfrewshire during March-June 2016. Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership are looking to increase this number and are looking for all interested groups to get in touch to discuss any activity and assistance required.

3.3 **Noise Action Week**

Noise Action Week took place on 23-28 May 2016 to raise awareness of noise. Noise Action Week was co-ordinated by Environmental Protection UK who assist the work undertaken by professionals in noise management. The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership supported the initiative by sending messages via social media to highlight noise legislation, enforcement action and services provided by the Community Safety Partnership. In May 2016, the service received 108 noise complaints that are being followed up.

4 **Protecting the Vulnerable**

4.1 **Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference**

The Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process has been established within Renfrewshire since October 2015. Safe Lives, the domestic violence charity, will carry out a full evaluation once MARAC has been operational for 12 months however an interim review of referrals has been carried out with the overview highlighting:

- 4 of the referrals have been suitable for the perpetrator to be referred to the Multi Agency Tasking & Coordinating meeting (MATAC);
- In the 77 referrals to MARAC, there have been 98 children discussed, with appropriate actions being taken from the meeting to safeguard the children from further harm;
- Of the 98 children discussed within the process, 30 were of pre-school age, 48 were Primary school age, 16 Secondary school age, 3 aged 16-18 and 1 aged over 18;
- From the 77 referrals, 100% are where domestic abuse occurred within a male and female relationship.

- 4.2 Renfrewshire has already been recognised by Safe Lives as having developed a solid foundation around the introduction of MARAC and Safe Lives has been recommending the approach as a good practice model to other Local Authorities. Currently Renfrewshire are assisting East Renfrewshire Council and Inverclyde Council to help them establish their own MARAC, sharing good practice and ensuring useful continuity of working practices throughout the Police division locally.

4.3 **I Am Me/Keep Safe**

The I Am Me project was a key speaker at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services Hate Crime Conference in Glasgow in March 2016. I Am Me promoted their new teaching and training resources, showing clips from their Primary School Resource films to an audience of around 300 people. The Chief Constable and Lord Advocate both highlighted I Am Me / Keep Safe in their speeches.

- 4.4 The I Am Me CineBus was launched on the 13th July 2016. The bus will be used to raise awareness of Disability Hate Crime by showing films within schools and to groups across Scotland. This mobile cinema/theatre is supported by Renfrewshire Council and will be

made available for Community Safety events locally. The bus was donated by Stagecoach and funded through the Keys to Life Development Fund.

- 4.5 The Keep Safe initiative works in partnership with Police Scotland and is supported by the Crown Office. The latest Renfrewshire premises to sign up to Keep Safe are Blend Coffee, Hamishes Hoose, Yorkshire Building Society and Gilmour Street Train Station. There are currently over 140 Keep Safe premises across Renfrewshire. The initiative also operates in Edinburgh, Inverclyde, Borders and Dumfries and Galloway and is in the process of being adopted in the three Ayrshire Councils, East Dunbartonshire, Aberdeen, Dundee and Perth & Kinross.

4.6 **Private Rented Housing Improvements**

New powers introduced by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 are being used to deal with private sector landlords who are not maintaining the physical condition of their property. Landlords who do not meet appropriate standards and conditions can be reported to the Private Rented Housing Panel who can impose sanctions and require that the property condition is improved. This is key to improving the standards of accommodation within the private rented sector - especially accommodation used by the most vulnerable members of our community. There is a disproportionate degree of disrepair in the private rented sector relative to other types of housing tenure, especially for residents affected by poverty and this has been recognised by the Council's Tackling Poverty Strategy which has funded the appointment of a temporary enforcement officer to work specifically in relation to this agenda.

4.7 **No Substitute for Life**

The 5th annual No Substitute for Life 7-a-side football tournament was held in Ferguslie Park Sports Centre on 26th June 2016. It brings the community together to raise awareness of suicide, and the services and support available to people in crisis. It also challenges stigma. The annual event established by a local Ferguslie resident raises awareness of the issue from personal experience of losing close friends to suicide. The No Substitute for Life tournament was supported by Street Stuff activities and attended by hundreds of footballers and supporters on the day.

5. **Building Safer Communities**

5.1 **Operation Monarda**

The Trading Standards and Licensing Team supported the Police Scotland led bi-annual "Operation Monarda" campaign to tackle doorstep crime. Roadstops were undertaken on arterial routes throughout Renfrewshire, to disrupt and deter rogue traders. Suspected traders were stopped by Traffic Police and drivers were challenged to provide their identities. Contract paperwork was checked and advice and guidance was issued where required. Teams consisting of officers from Trading Standards and Police Scotland also patrolled known doorstep crime "hotspot" areas and tradespeople undertaking work on people's homes were challenged to ensure compliance with consumer protection legislation. Positively, no rogue traders were found in the course of this work and traders who were subject to challenge welcomed this approach to regulating their business sector and protecting and supporting legitimate businesses.

5.2 **Daily Tasking Review**

The Community Safety Hub holds a daily tasking meeting to review community safety incidents which have occurred over the past twenty-four hours and tasks them to the relevant partners. This collaborative partnership enables information sharing and pooling of resources to tackle antisocial behaviour and other issues throughout Renfrewshire. In September 2015, a positive evaluation highlighted that Daily Tasking was a very

successful joint working partnership approach which now processes over 5,000 referrals per year. This is supported by regular attendance of all key partners including the Health and Social Care Partnership and particular benefits have been seen in supporting earlier interventions in instances where individuals are particularly vulnerable for example due to Mental Health problems.

5.3 **Spring / Summer events**

During April-August 2016, the Community Safety Partnership including wardens, CCTV and Street Stuff have been supporting key spring/summer events throughout Renfrewshire. This included major national events like the British Pipe Band Championship and Colourfest 2016, the dance festival at Braehead. In addition, they also attended more local events such as Paisley Food Festival, Sma Shot Day, The County Grand Orange Lodge Parade, Building Safer Greener Communities events in Ferguslie Park, local gala days and the Armed Forces Day at Paisley Abbey. The wardens provided the Safe Bus with the lost kids location at many of these events and the CCTV vehicle at many of these events. Meanwhile, Street Stuff was in attendance at the family orientated events like the gala days, providing football and dance activities for young people to participate in.

5.4 **The Fire Reach programme**

The Fire Reach programme is delivered by 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 last 2 courses took place during May and June 2016 with 24 young people participating. The number of deliberate fires attended by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service across Renfrewshire is higher in 2016 so far when compared to 2015. As a result the Partnership has increased the number of Fire Reach courses to tackle this issue.

6. **Diversionsary Activities**

6.1 **Street Stuff**

The Street Stuff programme continues to be delivered throughout Renfrewshire and continues to go from strength to strength. To date over 13,000 attendances have been recorded at core activities with around 170 attendances per day at summer holiday activities. Street Stuff's annual Football Festival was held at the Paisley 2021 Stadium during May. Young people aged between 10 and 16 years old lived out their dream by competing in 5-a-side games on the main pitch at the Paisley 2021 Stadium. To coincide with the football, Street Stuff's first Dance-Clubercise class was delivered in the Stadium's new supporters' lounge. Both events were free which helped to increase the total number of participants to a record attendance of 375 on the night.

6.2 Street Stuff Dance has introduced free Cheerleading classes for all abilities every Wednesday from 6-8pm at Paisley 2021 Stadium. These classes are for anyone aged 8 to 18, giving young people the opportunity to learn new routines, tricks, make new friends and have fun. Last season the Cheerleaders led out the teams for a few games and will be a key feature for the coming football season backing St Mirren team in every Championship home match.

6.3 Over the summer, Street Stuff has been working with young people to develop 2 new buses to be added to their programme of activities with particular links to the Partnership bid for City of Culture, Paisley 2021. 300 young people have been consulted on what they would like to see on the buses with activities including; music, DJ decks, song writing, recording, media, broadcasting, and production as well as traditional gaming

scoring high on the list. In addition, young people are working with Street Threads to design the overall wrap combining Street Stuff & Paisley 2021 branding with images of new activities that will be available. The new buses will be introduced during the autumn/winter programme.

6.4 **Linwood Community Sponsorship initiative**

Police Scotland and the Community Safety Youth Team embarked in a new joint working diversionary project with a group of young people from Linwood in an attempt to address low-level crime such as vandalism and disorder. A group of Linwood teenagers took part in a three week golfing course at the Castle Golf range in Johnstone, through thanks to funding from the Police Mutual Assurance Society 'Force for Good' Community Sponsorship initiative. Each youth was individually coached by a PGA teaching professional with a final competition where everyone was presented with a certificate for displaying a variety of skills. The programme allowed Community Safety Partnership officers to engage with young people to discuss the importance of community values.

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Counter Terrorism Prevent Strategy Progress Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides 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 provides information on current threat levels and how they are determined.
- 1.2 Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies, listed in schedule 6 to the act, to have in the exercise of their functions, "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism" Scottish Local Authorities are listed under schedule 6 of the act.
- 1.3 Renfrewshire's Multi Agency CONTEST (Prevent) Group is now firmly established with consistent membership across all of the relevant agencies and partners involved in this work within Renfrewshire. The group acts as the multi agency joint tasking group for Counter Terrorism activity.
- 1.4 The role and remit of the group is to identify priorities and opportunities for tackling terrorism and organised crime across Renfrewshire. It undertakes 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. Recent focus has been on raising awareness of Prevent training and exercising, and establishing effective monitoring and performance measures for the group. Also being considered is 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 will be required.
- 1.5 There are significant developments planned to coordinate training and awareness of Prevent across the area. These include a significant Contest (Prevent) Exercise and the development of a training Prospectus.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board:

- a) Note the progress achieved in understanding and responding to the threat posed by terrorism,
- b) Note the steps taken and future plans to raise awareness of prevent and prevent people from being drawn into terrorism,

- c) Request a further report on the work of Renfrewshire's Multi Agency Contest (Prevent) Group be brought back to a future meeting.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Counter Terrorism (CONTEST) Prevent strategy is driven nationally through the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Renfrewshire has worked hard to put in place the relevant governance and awareness raising structures and is well placed to respond effectively to this agenda.
- 3.2 Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent Group, co-ordinates counter terrorism and organised crime intervention activity in Renfrewshire. The group ensures that relevant partners comply with the duties in the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- 3.3 The Group is chaired by the Head of Public Protection and acts as the multi-agency joint tasking group for CONTEST activity in Renfrewshire as required in the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Police Scotland have contributed significantly to the development of the Group both at a divisional level and through support from national teams that provide specialist support, including the Scottish Preventing Violent Extremism Unit (SPVEU).
- 3.4 The group reports through the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group to the Chief Officers Group, with the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board acting as the multi agency joint tasking oversight group. The Housing and Community Safety Policy Board acts as an oversight tasking group for internal work within the Council.
- 3.5 The core membership of the group is:
- Renfrewshire Council's Single Point of Contact (Chair)
 - Police Scotland
 - Renfrewshire Council Services
 - Civil Contingencies Service
 - Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
 - NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
 - Scottish Prison Service
 - Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership
 - Engage Renfrewshire
 - Higher & Further Education Establishments
- 3.6 The Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent Group meets approximately every 2 months. Recent meetings have worked to develop a positional statement that members will use to outline their organisations levels of awareness of Counter Terrorism (CONTEST) Prevent, any relevant issues experienced and training undertaken. The positional statement will be used to ensure that relevant issues are regularly captured and support can be offered where required. As the positional statement is updated it will provide monitoring and performance information to demonstrate progress with training, awareness raising and preparation of organisational plans and strategies. Future reports to the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board will include this performance information. The strategic purpose of the group is to:
- Ensure appropriate action is being taken to protect Renfrewshire from the threats posed by terrorism
 - Share best practice and improve coordination by multi agency partners

- Identify and encourage innovative ways of working together to disrupt organised crime in Renfrewshire
- Mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack within Renfrewshire
- Address where there are risks of radicalisation
- Coordinate training and awareness of prevent

- 3.7 One key role that the Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent Group has is that Police Scotland will use this group as a key communications and briefing group to partners in the event of a terrorism related incident, including a change in threat level.
- 3.8 If the threat level is raised to CRITICAL, the expectation will be on the Council and local service partners to comply with and facilitate in delivering services and facilities locally that are in line with the levels of expectation being set and communicated by the Government at a national level.
- 3.9 Current management, business continuity and civil contingencies arrangements prepare public agencies across Renfrewshire well to respond to an increase in the national threat level and to continue to deliver essential services and facilities in these circumstances.
- 3.10 To support this Police Scotland are currently finalising guidance for “non-blue light agencies” detailing actions to consider should the threat level rise to CRITICAL. The guidance will be circulated to local authorities in the near future. When available it will be considered by the Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent group and will contribute to the action plan currently being developed.
- 3.11 Police Scotland are also leading on the development of a Contest (Prevent) multi agency training exercise that will test this group alongside Renfrewshire Council’s CMT and CRMT and the recently formed Grey Space group, which is a Police Scotland led group that monitors community tensions. The proposed training exercise would focus on the challenges and potential response of these groups in the event of a significant terrorism incident. Police Scotland and the Civil Contingencies Service will be involved in setting the parameters of the exercise.
- 3.12 A Prospectus for Contest (Prevent) training activity in Renfrewshire is also being developed. The purpose of this document will be to highlight the expected awareness and training events for officers of certain agencies to attend, whilst outlining the options available for delivery. This document would be similar to an existing one utilised by the Civil Contingencies Service for emergency planning purposes. The final version of the document will be regularly circulated to Group members to allow agencies and services to take control of their own awareness and training activity. From there, the Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent Group would become a reporting forum, as well as a place to highlight any collaboration opportunities.

4. Threat Levels

- 4.1 The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is SEVERE
- 4.2 The threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism is set separately for Northern Ireland and Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland).
- 4.3 The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Northern Ireland is SEVERE.
- 4.4 The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Britain is SUBSTANTIAL.

- 4.5 Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.
- LOW means an attack is unlikely
 - MODERATE means an attack is possible, but not likely
 - SUBSTANTIAL means an attack is a strong possibility
 - SEVERE means an attack is highly likely
 - CRITICAL means an attack is expected imminently
- 4.6 The threat level for the UK from international terrorism is set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC). MI5 is responsible for setting the threat levels from Irish and other domestic terrorism both in Northern Ireland and in Great Britain.
- 4.7 If the threat level is raised to CRITICAL, the expectation will be on Renfrewshire Council and local service partners to comply with and facilitate in delivering services and facilities locally that are in line with the levels of expectation being set and communicated by the Government at a national level.
- 4.8 In reaching a judgement on the appropriate terrorism threat level in any given circumstance several factors need to be taken into account. These include:
- **Available intelligence.** It is rare that reliable specific threat information is available. More often, judgements about the threat will be based on a wide range of information, which is often fragmentary, including the level and nature of current terrorist activity, comparison with events in other countries and previous attacks. Intelligence is only ever likely to reveal part of the picture.
 - **Terrorist capability.** An examination of what is known about the capabilities of the terrorists in question and the method they may use based on previous attacks or from intelligence. This would analyse the potential scale of the attack.
 - **Terrorist intentions.** Using intelligence and publicly available information to examine the overall aims of the terrorists and the ways they may achieve them including what sort of targets they would consider attacking.
 - **Timescale.** The threat level expresses the likelihood of an attack in the near term. We know from past incidents that some attacks take years to plan, while others are put together more quickly. In the absence of specific intelligence, a judgement will be made about how close an attack might be to fruition. Threat levels do not have any set expiry date, but are regularly subject to review in order to ensure that they remain current.
- 4.9 Historically the UK Threat Level has only been raised to CRITICAL twice, once on 10th August 2006 (in response to a foiled airline attack plot to blow up 10 aircraft using liquid explosives) when it remained at this level for 3 days and once on 30th June 2007 (at the time of the Glasgow Airport attack) when it remained at this level for 4 days. In both cases the direct impact was on airports and air travel with the rest of the national infrastructure remaining relatively unaffected.
- 4.10 The threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Great Britain has also changed in the past – it was last raised from MODERATE to SUBSTANTIAL in 2010, then reduced back to MODERATE in 2012 before being raised back to SUBSTANTIAL in May this year. Despite the recent increase, the threat level remains lower than the threat to the UK from international terrorism. This change in threat level is about increasing awareness and encouraging vigilance but should not affect how we go about our daily lives
- 4.11 Conversely, following the recent Paris attacks when the threat level was increased in Belgium, the whole infrastructure of Brussels was put on lockdown for 5 days, with schools, hospitals and transport hubs being some of the services and infrastructure most impacted upon and residents being called on to stay at home for the duration of the event. A similar

response in the UK would have significant implications for the delivery of public services across Renfrewshire.

- 4.12 The nature of the incident giving rise to the threat level increase has a direct bearing on the type of services that will be impacted on and the nature of the expected response. Consequently, preparations for actions at CRITICAL level are difficult to plan for in detail. It is however, important to be aware of the potential for the declaration of this threat level and the potential consequences for business operations and staff security should this happen. Likewise it is important that plans and messages related to this are realistic and proportionate. Fundamentally it is the role of the Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent group to support agencies to put these plans in place.
- 4.13 In the event of the threat level being increased to CRITICAL, key messages and instructions will be determined at a National level by either the Scottish or UK Governments. National broadcast and print media will actively communicate these messages to the wider public and expectations in terms of availability of services and facilities will be controlled in this manner.
- 4.14 It is important to note that if the threat level is raised to CRITICAL, the expectation will be on Renfrewshire Council and local service partners to comply with and facilitate in delivering services and facilities locally that are in line with the levels of expectation being set and communicated by the Government at a national level.
- 4.15 Our current management, business continuity and civil contingencies arrangements prepare local agencies well to respond to an increase in the national threat level and to continue to deliver essential services and facilities in these circumstances.
- Renfrewshire Council will get an immediate warning about changes to the Threat Level, with plans in place to inform the Chief Executive, and the Head of Public Protection as the Council Single Point of Contact immediately, allowing information to be cascaded to the wider CMT and Council Resilience Management Team (CRMT).
 - If the Threat Level is changed to CRITICAL, a meeting of: the Chief Executive and Police Divisional Commander with other relevant officers as appropriate would be held to discuss the specific nature of the threat and the immediate actions that arise. Police Scotland are the agency tasked with responsibility for co-ordinating an incident of this type.
 - The role of the Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent group is key - it will be the group that the Police rely on to disseminate information and guidance to the local public sector and third sector agencies that need to respond.
 - The involvement of Communications will also be required. Very quickly messages will begin to appear in the media and will need to be addressed. This process will also be co-ordinated through the Renfrewshire Multi Agency CONTEST/Prevent group.

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Community Justice Transition Update

1. Summary

1.1 In response to the requirements of the Community Justice Scotland Act 2016 a multi-agency transitions group involving the key partners was created within Renfrewshire; this has now become the Community Justice Steering Group which reports to the Safer and Stronger Board, this group is currently in the process of undertaking and completing the following tasks:

- A Temporary Part time Community Justice Lead Officer has been appointed whose main purpose is to assist the transition process, facilitate the Steering group and stakeholder engagement.
- Establishing an agreed Memorandum of Understanding.
- Creating a Communications and Engagement Strategy.
- Undertaking a Strategic needs assessment.
- Agreeing a branding and clear message with regards to Community Justice Renfrewshire.
- Undertaking an Employability needs analysis of the offender population.
- Liaison with Recruit with Conviction regarding employability of offenders.
- Discussion with Families Outside to provide wide staff awareness raising training sessions.
- Publication of the Renfrewshire Community Justice Transition Plan 2016/2017.
- A thematic event is planned for autumn to look at liaison with the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service to promote increased use of diversion and Fiscal work Orders.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board notes the contents of the report.

3. Background

3.1 The Community Justice Scotland Act 2016 received Royal assent on 21 March 2016. Its purpose, to make provision about community justice, establishing a new national body (Community Justice Scotland) to oversee community justice and introduce requirements in

relation to the achievement of particular nationally and locally determined outcomes, and to provide national, professional and strategic leadership for community justice in Scotland.

Under the new model, the Community Justice Authorities will be disestablished and new community justice arrangements will be put in place at both a national and local level, placing a duty on statutory partners to have regard to the National Strategy for Community Justice. The statutory partners must work together to prepare a plan for their local authority area, to be submitted to Community Justice Scotland by March 2017. They will be jointly responsible for the plan's development and implementation.

The draft National Strategy for Community Justice and Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework were published on 04 July 2016 via the Knowledge Hub in order to assist partners in their planning process. The final versions of these will be officially launched at a national event to be held in Edinburgh on 24 November 2016. The documents will thereafter be published on the Scottish Government website.

- 3.2 The work of the community justice steering group is in its early stages and governance arrangements are being explored and established amongst partners. The recent publication of the draft national strategy and outcomes, performance and improvement framework will be helpful in guiding the initial planning of work. Early engagement is taking place with a range of partners in order to begin to explore some of the broad issues affecting persons who have committed offences and their families.

Activity to date has included;

- The Lead Officer Community Justice is now in post and is managed by the Criminal Justice Service Manager and co-located with child and public protection colleagues. Since coming in to post our Lead Officer has worked closely with colleagues from the Chief Executives services, dedicated to community planning who has supported the initial activity in preparation for the transition of responsibility. The Lead Officer has also undertaken widespread familiarisation within community justice partners in Renfrewshire and is soon to undertake training on public engagement to ensure that we maximize the opportunities to engage with relevant individuals in the community.
- The Community Justice Steering Group is now firmly established within Renfrewshire Council's robust Community Planning arrangements. It reports to the Safer and Stronger Board and sits alongside the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group. The Community Justice Steering Group is committed to building on the effective partnership approaches within Renfrewshire, to prevent offending and reduce reoffending. There will be a focus on engagement with the community, this will include those who have committed offences, their families and persons affected by crime, in order to make Renfrewshire a safer place to live and work.
- The Memorandum of Understanding is being finalised, work has commenced on a strategic needs assessment which will inform our commissioning strategy and strategic plan. A communication strategy is being developed and discussions are on-going to establish the branding and message for Community Justice Renfrewshire in order to enable public engagement.
- Consideration has commenced within the Council as to how to take forward an analysis of the employability needs of the offender population, and how to develop skills gained through unpaid work to further training and employment. Engagement has also been initiated with Recruit with Conviction to explore how we might engage with local employers to improve the employment opportunities for those with previous offences.

- We are currently liaising with Families Outside regarding staff training. This is to ensure that we create awareness amongst partners about the impact of imprisonment on children and families, so that they are better able to support them.
- A Community Justice link has been created on the Renfrewshire 2023 (Community Planning) website with publication of the Renfrewshire Community Justice Transition Plan 2016/2017.
- The Lead Officer Community Justice is now attending and forms part of the following groups;
 - Offenders and Prison Health Improvement Group.
 - National Community Justice Coordinators Steering Group.
 - Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Delivery Group.
 - Renfrewshire Gender Based Violence Strategy Group.
- The Lead Officer is involved in the planning of a thematic event to be held in autumn to look at increased use of diversion and Fiscal work Orders as well as communication timescales to assist early bail assessments and reduce remand. This event will involve Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service, Criminal Justice Social Work, Whole Systems in Renfrewshire and Police Scotland

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To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

Report by:

Shona MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council

Police Scotland – Counter Corruption Unit Assurance (HMICS)

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 27 June 2016 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) published an Assurance Review of Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit carried out following a request from the Scottish Police Authority (SPA).
- 1.2 The review focused on the way in which applications for communications data were being handled by Police Scotland, to determine the facts in relation to the alleged disclosure of sensitive information to a journalist and to test the operational practice of the Counter Corruption Unit and compliance with relevant legislation, codes of practice, policies, procedures and recognised best practice.
- 1.3 By its nature the review is very focused on the work of the Counter Corruption Unit and the 39 actions that have been identified to be taken forward by Police Scotland relate primarily to the organisational structures, governance and operating procedures that are and should be in place within Police Scotland.
- 1.4 In the main the report and the recommendations it contains are of value to the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board as a procedure for highlighting best practice. The report has been circulated to the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group for use in this way. There are three recommendations that are worth noting in particular as they do impact on the partnership work that is ongoing between Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Council and these are highlighted in section 3 of this report.
- 1.5 A copy of the full HMICS Assurance Review report is available on the SPA.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board:

- a) Notes the HMICS Assurance Review of the Police Scotland Counter Corruption Unit published on 27 June 2016
- b) Notes the 3 recommendations that have a particular relevance to the ongoing work of the Community Safety Partnership as detailed in section 3 of this report.

3. Background

3.1 The Assurance Review was conducted to assess the state, effectiveness and efficiency of Police Scotland's Counter Corruptions Unit (CCU).

3.2 The Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit was established in April 2013 as a gatekeeper acting:

- as a single point of contact for "whistleblowing",
- to carry out internal investigations into allegations of corruption, and
- to investigate those from outwith the organisation looking to corrupt police officers.

3.3 The Assurance Review is split into two parts:

- Part 1 – Case Study relating to the disclosure of sensitive information to a journalist.
- Part 2 – Assurance Review of the Counter Corruption Unit.

3.4 By its nature the review is very focused on the work of the Counter Corruption Unit and the 39 actions that have been identified to be taken forward by Police Scotland relate primarily to the organisational structures, governance and operating procedures that are and should be in place within Police Scotland.

3.5 There are three recommendations that are worth noting:

Recommendation 33:

Police Scotland should ensure that the CCU prioritises its workload around the threat posed by serious organised crime groups.

3.6 At any one time there are over 200 serious organised crime groups operating across Scotland. These groups pose a threat to the whole of the public sector as well as our communities and other businesses. Over the past year the Police Scotland Counter Corruption Unit has provided a significant level of support to the Council and its Integrity Group, including Internal Audit to raise awareness at a senior management level of the opportunities that serious organised crime groups seek to take advantage of and looking at policies and procedures that can be used to strengthen the organisation against the threat posed by serious organised crime. Any move to prioritise the work of the CCU on this type of activity is to be welcomed.

Recommendation 35

Police Scotland should consult with its public sector partners and refresh the remit of the CCU Public Sector Section

3.7 In As noted above this is an important area of work and the work that has been undertaken in Renfrewshire with the support of the CCU Public Sector Section has been of great assistance in developing the Council's Integrity Model and in strengthening the Council against risks posed by corruption and insider threat. Should Police Scotland come forward with a consultation on the aims, objectives, outputs and outcomes of the CCU Public Sector

Section then it is recommended that partners should seek to engage with and contribute positively to the consultation.

Recommendation 36

Police Scotland should monitor the progress of the vetting section to reduce and, if possible, eliminate the backlog of vetting applications and provide regular updates to the SPA.

- 3.8 The vetting process outlined in this report relates most significantly to vetting of those people that have access to Police systems and facilities. However, this process has in the past also impacted on the development and work of the Community Safety Partnership Hub due to its physical location adjacent to the Police Offices in Mill Street and also the nature of the work carried out in the Hub. Any focus on reducing the backlog in vetting will have a significant impact for the Police locally, but will also assist with speeding up some elements of partnership working.

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To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

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**Scottish Government Review of Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland
Consultation Paper**

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 22 June the Scottish Government published a consultation 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?”
- 1.2 The Scottish Government was keen to capture as wide a range of comments as possible from all communities during the pre consultation phase and encouraged comments and engagement through Community Councils, residents and neighbourhood groups and through social media channels. The information was forwarded to all Local Area Committees to raise awareness of the consultation and at its meeting on 3 February 2016 the Renfrewshire Safer and Stronger Thematic Board received a presentation by the Scottish Government and had the opportunity to make comments.
- 1.3 The draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland have been informed by this pre consultation exercise and are focused on six themes:
 - Localism
 - Prevention
 - Response
 - Collaborative Working
 - Accountability
 - Adaptability
- 1.4 The intention is that if these are agreed, these priorities will set the tone and give broad strategic direction to Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA). It is not intended that they will direct specific areas of operational policing activity.
- 1.5 The Draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland consultation document is available on the Scottish Government website along with two additional documents that are referred to in the consultation document:
 - Partial Equality Impact Assessment/Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Assessment
 - Partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment
- 1.6 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 is attached as Appendix 1

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board:

- a) Notes the Consultation on draft Strategic Police Priorities carried out by the Scottish Government;
- b) Notes Renfrewshire Council's submitted consultation response as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Background

3.1 In September 2015, the Scottish Government set out its intention to work with members of the public, communities and elected representatives to review their national priorities for policing. These national priorities are set under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and are more commonly referred to as the Strategic Police Priorities.

3.2 At its meeting on 3 February the Thematic Board received a presentation by the Scottish Government regarding work on the pre-consultation phase of their Review of Strategic Police Priorities. In May the Board were further informed that the Scottish Government had scheduled the formal consultation to take place during the summer. As both the Council and Community Planning Boards were in recess it was agreed that a Renfrewshire response would be drafted in consultation with members of the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board and submitted to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board for approval on 23 August 2016. A copy of the full response is detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

3.3 The Scottish Government Strategic Police Priorities provide the top level framework for what is expected of the police service and they were initially set in 2013 when the single police force was established. At that time there were 4 priorities identified:

- Make communities safer and reduce harm by tackling and investigating crime and demonstrating pioneering approaches to prevention and collaboration at a national and local level
- Strengthen Scotland's reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major events and threats
- Provide an efficient, effective service focused on protecting frontline services, delivering the benefits of police reform, and promoting continuous improvement
- Make communities stronger and improve wellbeing by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the new Police Service of Scotland an exemplar of visible, ethical and responsive policing.

4 Draft Strategic Police Priorities

4.1 The proposed strategic police priorities are focused on six themes:

- a) Localism
- b) Prevention
- c) Response
- d) Collaborative Working
- e) Accountability

f) Adaptability

4.2 Taken together, they set the tone for the planning of police services in Scotland and reflect expectations around ways of working and the type of organisation that Police Scotland should seek to be.

- a) **Localism** – Ensure that the needs of communities are understood and reflected in the planning and delivery of policing.
- b) **Prevention** – Ensure the police service works to prevent crime and reduce fear of crime through partnership, communication, education and innovation, placing particular focus on the need to address inequalities within and between communities.
- c) **Response** – Focus policing on keeping people safe by tackling crime and responding to and investigating incidents effectively and efficiently.
- d) **Collaborative Working** – Ensure that the police service works collaboratively with partners at both a local and national level to deliver better outcomes for people in Scotland.
- e) **Accountability** – Maintain public confidence in policing and inspire trust by being transparent, accountable and acting with integrity, fairness and respect.
- f) **Adaptability** – Ensure the police service is able to take advantage of new opportunities and meet emerging threats and challenges.

4.3 These priorities are all very high level and cut across everything that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership strive to work with Police Scotland on. Deliberately, there is not much detail behind the priorities; this will come from annual plans and will reflect operational objectives and priorities that should change from year to year – whereas the strategic priorities should be consistent for a number of years. They are expected to be in place for the medium term e.g. 3-5 years.

4.4 Overall the revised priorities should be welcomed. They are simpler and easier to understand, yet cover all of the key areas that we would expect to see. In particular, the focus on localism, prevention, collaborative working and adaptability are four areas where the strategic direction being set aligns well with the priorities of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership as set out in the Community Plan.

4.5 These shared priorities will help the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership to progress further with activities like the Community Safety Hub, MARAC and Daily Tasking and will allow us to develop and progress future multi-agency work. The suggested priorities also sit well with the focus on responding to the needs of our most disadvantaged communities as set out in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, Council Plan and the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Strategy.

4.6 The focus on shifting resources to early intervention and prevention is important in supporting key initiatives that have been developed locally including Street Stuff, Daily Tasking and the Building Safer Greener Communities programme.

4.7 The focus on collaborative working will be important in supporting initiatives such as MARAC as a key response to the challenges of domestic abuse and gender based violence, which is

rapidly developing in Renfrewshire to be an example of best practice replicated in other Local Authorities.

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Appendix 1

Review of Scottish Strategic Police Priorities Consultation



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
 Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

- Publish response with name
 Publish response only (anonymous)
 Do not publish response

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

- Yes
 No

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

We are seeking views on the revised Strategic Police Priorities and in particular we are inviting views on the following questions;

1. Do the revised Strategic Police Priorities sum up your ambitions for your police service?

Yes X No

Comments

Overall the revised priorities are welcomed. They are simpler and easier to understand, yet cover all of the key areas that we would expect to see. In particular, the focus on localism, prevention, collaborative working and adaptability are four areas where the strategic direction being set aligns well with the priorities of Renfrewshire Council as set out in the Council Plan and Community Plan.

These shared priorities will help the Council to progress further with activities like the Community Safety Hub, MARAC and Daily Tasking and will allow us to develop and progress future multi-agency work.

The focus on accountability is of particular relevance to the Council in relation to the role of Housing and Community Safety Policy Board as the local Police Scrutiny Board and is particularly welcomed.

2. Do the revised Strategic Police Priorities reflect the needs of your local community or the communities you serve?

Yes X No

Comments

The suggested priorities sit well with the focus on responding to the needs of our most disadvantaged communities as set out in our Local Outcome Improvement Plan, Council Plan and the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Strategy.

At a time when budgets are under pressure, the focus on shifting resources to early intervention and prevention is important in supporting key initiatives that have been developed locally including Street Stuff, Daily Tasking and the Building Safer Greener Communities programme.

The focus on collaborative working will be important in supporting initiatives such as MARAC as a key response to the challenges of domestic abuse and gender based violence, which is rapidly developing in Renfrewshire to be an example of best practice replicated in other Local Authorities. It will also be an important element in the creation of new arrangements for Community Justice. The strategic priorities would be strengthened through an explicit reference to these arrangements and the role that Police Scotland will play in supporting them.

3. Do you have anything to add to our impact assessments?

Yes No X

Comments

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

Report by:

Shona MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Plan Review Consultation 2016-2019

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 31 May the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) published a consultation on its draft Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019. A copy of the draft Strategic Plan is available on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Consultation Hub.
- 1.2 The draft plan sets out the commitments of the Fire and Rescue Service for the next 3 years and establishes how the Service will seek to improve community safety, its response and resilience and address inequality while enhancing the wellbeing of the people of Scotland.
- 1.3 The attached draft Strategic Plan is structured to achieve 5 Outcomes:
 - Our communities are more resilient and people live their lives safe from harm;
 - We are responsive and flexible in meeting community needs;
 - Our people are supported and have opportunities to realise their potential;
 - We protect our natural environment and reduce our impact on it;
 - We are a high quality, continuously improving, efficient public service.
- 1.4 The plan identifies 6 key strategic priority areas to support delivery of these outcomes:
 - Improved Local Outcomes;
 - National and Community Resilience;
 - Modernising Response;
 - Workforce Development;
 - Governance and Social Responsibility;
 - Transformation.
- 1.5 The intention is that these priorities will define the overall direction of the service as it responds to the financial challenges ahead and works to make communities across Scotland safer and stronger through delivery of the Service's outcomes.
- 1.6 The final date for submissions to the consultation was 9 August 2016. A response from the Council was submitted within the timescales set by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and is attached as Appendix 1 for the information of members of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board:

- a) Notes the consultation on the draft SFRS Strategic Plan (2016 – 2019);
- b) Notes Renfrewshire Council's submitted consultation response as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Background

3.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service came into force as a single body in 2013 following the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

3.2 The first Scottish Fire and Rescue Service strategic plan was produced in 2013 and principally focused on integrating the eight former fire and rescue services operating across Scotland into the national fire and rescue service.

3.3 The draft strategy being consulted on is split into 2 main parts:

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – who they are, values, challenges, workforce and performance,
- The proposed Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 6 key strategic priority areas:
 - o Improved Local Outcomes;
 - o National and Community Resilience;
 - o Modernising Response;
 - o Workforce Development;
 - o Governance and Social Responsibility;
 - o Transformation.

Improved Local Outcomes

3.4 The draft Strategic Plan makes clear that the numbers of accidental dwelling fires have reduced significantly in the period since 1999 and that this has been driven by very successful partnership working. The connection is made that the individuals that have died as a result of accidental fires are most usually known to a range of other agencies and are amongst the most vulnerable members of society. On that basis the emphasis in improving local outcomes is linked very strongly to ongoing partnership working with Councils and Community Planning partners with a focus on vulnerable communities that relates very strongly to the focus of the Renfrewshire Community Plan.

3.5 In addition the nature of outcomes being sought is also widened – the focus on fire safety is giving way to a focus on wider individual and community safety and in particular victims of unintended harm that is also being driven through the national Building Safer Communities strategy. Overall the strategic priority around improved local outcomes and the explanation and focus that is being promoted within the draft plan fit very well with the strategic agenda being taken forward by the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership.

National and Community Resilience

- 3.6 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service plays a critical role alongside the Civil Contingencies Service and Police Scotland in developing national and community resilience. In particular the approach to planning for specific hazards and threats using risk identification to decide on proportionate planning is used extensively in Renfrewshire and fits well with the wider approach to planning for civil contingencies being developed in Renfrewshire.

Modernising Response

- 3.7 In this priority the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is able to use evidence to demonstrate the changing nature of the incidents that they are involved in and the dramatic increase in numbers of incidents in which they are working in a partnership role with other agencies. Locally this is apparent, with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service playing an active role in Community Planning – particularly on the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board and working closely as a key partner in the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. This is valued and is helping the wider partnership to deliver results that are strengthening communities and supporting their resilience

Workforce Development

- 3.8 A key priority for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service that focuses on the way the service will develop its workforce with the objective of remaining an employer of choice with a well trained, highly skilled, engaged and resilient workforce.

Governance and Social Responsibility

- 3.9 Like all partners and public bodies, Governance and in particular transparency is key for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The systematic management of risk is fundamental to both their strategic and operational decision making process and is clearly expressed within this strategic priority. Of particular note and relevance to the Council is the commitment to pay the living wage to employees and the role of the service as a Corporate Parent – particularly to children who are, or have been in care.

Transformation

- 3.10 A key priority for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service that focuses on the way the service will develop its operating systems and procedures to be more efficient and more effective.

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Draft Strategic Plan 2016-19

Overview

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service invites views on its draft Strategic Plan 2016-19. A cornerstone of our ongoing development of the Service, it will ensure we remain fully committed to improving the safety and wellbeing of Scotland's communities.

Why we are consulting

We want to hear views on our ambition to balance national priorities with the needs of local communities both now and in the future. The consultation is open for ten weeks, closing on 9 August 2016.

Your views matter and we hope you will help us to shape the future of fire and rescue in Scotland.

Where to send your response

Please send your written response to Alison Hastings, Performance and Strategic Planning Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Brooms Road, Dumfries, DG1 2DZ to arrive by 9 August 2016.

What happens next

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered along with any other available evidence. We aim to issue the findings of the consultation process in due course on the 'We asked, you said, we did' page of our Consultation Hub, at:

firescotland.citizenspace.com

Introduction

What is your name?

(Optional)

Do you represent an organisation, group or team? If so, please give its name here:

Renfrewshire Council

Are you a member of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff?

No |

Our Outcomes. Priorities and Objectives

These are shown in full at the end of this document.

1 Have we chosen the right outcomes?

We have identified five outcomes. These are our long term goals.

Yes |

Comments

Overall Renfrewshire Council is supportive of the 5 outcomes identified within the draft Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019. While 3 of the outcomes relate particularly to how the organisation itself will develop 2 have a particular and wider relevance to Renfrewshire.

The particular focus on developing the resilience of communities and ensuring that residents and visitors can live lives safe from harm aligns directly with the objectives agreed within the Safer and Stronger Theme of the Renfrewshire Community Plan while the focus on protecting our natural environment and reducing our impact on it reflects the priorities and objectives of the Greener Theme.

2 Have we chosen the right priorities?

To work towards our outcomes, we have identified six priorities. These are the areas we will focus on over the coming three years.

Yes |

Comments

Overall the 6 priority outcome areas are welcomed by Renfrewshire Council and reflect priorities that closely align with the commitments and priorities that the Council has identified within its own plans or with its partners through the Renfrewshire Community Plan and Tackling Poverty Strategy. A number of comments are made in relation to each of the priorities below:

Improved Local Outcomes

The draft Strategic Plan makes clear that the numbers of accidental dwelling fires have reduced significantly in the period since 1999 and that this has been driven by very successful partnership working. The connection is made that the individuals that have died as a result of accidental fires are most usually known to a range of other agencies and are amongst the most vulnerable members of society. On that basis the emphasis in improving local outcomes is linked very strongly to ongoing partnership working with Councils and Community Planning partners with a focus on vulnerable communities that relates very strongly to the focus of the Renfrewshire Community Plan, the Council Plan and the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty strategy.

In addition the nature of outcomes being sought is also widened – the focus on fire safety is giving way to a focus on wider individual and community safety and in particular victims of unintended harm that is also being driven through the national Building Safer Communities strategy. Overall therefore, the strategic priority around improved local outcomes and the explanation and focus that is being promoted within the draft plan fit very well with the strategic agenda being taken forward by the Council and is welcomed.

National and Community Resilience

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service plays a critical role alongside the Civil Contingencies Service and Police Scotland in developing national and community resilience. Overall the focus on this area of work is welcomed. In particular the approach to planning for specific hazards and threats using risk identification to decide on proportionate planning is used extensively in Renfrewshire and fits well with the wider approach to planning for civil contingencies being developed in Renfrewshire.

Modernising Response

In this priority the use of evidence to demonstrate the changing nature of the incidents that the Service are involved in and the dramatic increase in numbers of incidents in which the Service is working in a partnership role with other agencies is powerful. Locally, within Renfrewshire this trend is apparent, with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service playing an active role in Community Planning – particularly on the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board and working closely as a key partner in the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

This is valued and is helping the wider partnership to deliver results that are strengthening communities and supporting their resilience

Workforce Development

A key priority for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service that focuses on the way the service will develop its workforce with the objective of remaining an employer of choice with a well trained, highly skilled, engaged and resilient workforce.

Governance and Social Responsibility

Like all partners and public bodies, Governance and in particular transparency is key for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The systematic management of risk is fundamental to both strategic and operational decision making processes and is clearly expressed within this strategic priority. Of particular note and relevance to the Council is the commitment to pay the living wage to employees and the role of the service as a Corporate Parent – particularly to children who are, or have been in care. – Both of these commitments are particularly welcomed.

Transformation

A key priority for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service that focuses on the way the service will develop its operating systems and procedures to be more efficient and more effective.

3 Have we chosen the right objectives?

Our objectives are the key activities we will carry out to support our priorities. Yes |
Comments

The objectives identified are appropriate and welcomed by the Council.

4 Have you any other views on our draft Strategic Plan 2016-19? Tell us here

Overall the relationship with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service locally in Renfrewshire is strong and productive. Excellent Community Planning partnership working is delivering good results in supporting communities, strengthening resilience and protecting the public. The objectives priorities and outcomes identified within the draft Strategic Plan should build on and enhance these productive working relationships.

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

Report by:

Shona MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council

Update on Developing Phase 2 of the Community Safety Partnership Hub

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides 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.
- 1.2 A number of key developments have taken place since construction of the Hub was completed, some of which have been previously reported to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board, notably:
 - The Review of Daily Tasking,
 - Establishment of a Renfrewshire MARAC,
 - The use of the Hub as a Joint Agency Command Centre
 - The creation of a suite of Public Protection key performance indicators
 - Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) for Public Protection and CCTV Protocols
 - The development of the Building Safer Greener Communities agenda
- 1.3 Phase 2 of the Development of the Community Safety Hub represents the next phase in the development of the Integrated Control Room and CCTV project with the purpose of the project being to design and implement the next stage of development of the Community Safety Hub and maximise the use and impact of this particular Council and Community Safety Partnership asset. A key aspect of the project will be the development of a business case which identifies the current service and future service which can be delivered from the Community Safety Hub and Integrated CCTV Control Room.
- 1.4 The development of a business case for the future operation of the Community Safety Partnership Hub is being built around opportunities that have been identified across four key themes. The themes are:
 - Public Protection,
 - Organisational Resilience,
 - Workforce Development and Support, and
 - Community Protection
- 1.5 Within each of the themes a number of workstreams will be developed which will look to scope the services that can be delivered from the Community Safety Hub. Some of these workstreams are self evident and can be brought forward as a natural progression in the

development of the hub. Others will take more time and will seek to gather evidence to support the development of an appropriate business case.

Public Protection:

- The continued development of Daily Tasking,
- The review and development of the Renfrewshire MARAC,
- The development of evidence led approaches to enforcement and business regulation activities allowing the targeting of resources on statistical evidence,
- The roll out of an improved Radio Link Service in our town centres,
- The further development of early intervention and prevention activities to reduce costs associated with responding to issues as they arise

Organisational Resilience:

- CCTV services for Council buildings (including concierge services),
- Fire and Intruder alarm monitoring,
- Out of hours call management,
- Building lift monitoring, and
- Key holding services.

Workforce Development and Support:

- Delivering a flexible approach to service delivery and increased business resilience,
- Lone worker support arrangements,
- Out of hours facilities and support

Community Protection and Business Development:

- Community Alarm monitoring,
- Development of proposals for providing CCTV monitoring services to the wider public, private and third sectors,

1.6 An initial Project Initiation Document has been developed for Phase 2 of the Community Safety Hub and Integrated Control Room project and was approved at the Community Safety & Public Protection Steering Group on 29 June 2016. The project will be managed within the governance structure of the Community Resources Strategic Change Board and regular updates on progress will also be reported to the Community Safety & Public Protection Steering Group.

1.7 The initial goal within the Phase 2 development of the hub is to develop a business case that would allow the service to operate 24/7. From this base it will be possible to develop more innovative and robust proposals for more fundamental service delivery options that will offer increased resilience to the Council and communities of Renfrewshire and the potential to rethink service provision, including out of hours provision that could lead to more significant service redesign, developing income and/or delivering budget savings.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board:

- a) Notes the overall progress contained within the report, and
- b) Notes the proposals for the future development of Phase 2 development of the Community Safety Hub around opportunities identified across 4 key themes,

3. Background

Phase 1 Development of the Hub

- 3.1 Phase 1 of the Community Safety Hub and Integrated CCTV Control Room project is largely now complete with the phased moves of employee groups agreed and the wardens service now being tasked and operating from the hub along with Youth Officers, Mediators and Investigators. The remaining aspect of the Phase 1 move was the requirement for additional welfare facilities. The Council is currently in the process of amending the 10 year lease with Police Scotland for the building to include 2 additional rooms which will then be converted to additional welfare facilities to ensure the Community Safety Hub can be used to its maximum potential as well as providing modern welfare facilities.
- 3.2 The Community Safety Partnership Hub is now used as the “Joint Agency Coordination Centre” (JACC) for all of the large scale public events taking place across Renfrewshire. The JACC incorporates the Council’s “Event Control” along with a lead officer from the multi-agency partners who are either involved in the running of the event or may have to respond to any incidents related to the event.
- 3.3 The major strength of this set up is that all requests and decisions are routed through the JACC, allowing input from all key partners before a response is agreed. All decisions are then communicated from the JACC in the form of a single uniform message to officers ‘on the ground’ at the same time – from the radio links located within.
- 3.4 The building is an especially useful asset for the location of the JACC as it has the advantage of having the CCTV control room in the same building – this allows partners to have additional oversight of what is happening on the ground. There is also the capacity to call in other resources to the same premise and expand to respond to any escalating situation.
- 3.5 The resources of the Community Safety Partnership hub have also been used extensively as the Building Safer Greener Communities project has been developed and rolled out. The multi agency tasking group is led by Police Scotland with the support of the Council and other key partners including Engage Renfrewshire, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the Health & Social Care Partnership. The group co-ordinates interventions in targeted communities in a phased approach during a 6 week period. Some interventions will take place in key pilot communities identified by the National Building Safer Communities programme.
- 3.6 The selection of areas for the programme was carried out by analysts from Police Scotland, the Council and the NHS partnership analyst using data sources used by the key partners involved in the programme. Data relating to the following factors were considered:
- Crimes of violence,
 - Drug supply and possession,
 - Public reports of anti social behaviour and disorder,
Reports of environmental issues such as dog fouling, fly tipping, vandalism and graffiti.

- 3.7 Evaluation of each area will take place with the desired outcomes including:
- Reduced victims of serious violent crime;
 - Fewer admissions at Accident and Emergency;
 - Fewer families requiring support from social services/education;
 - Fewer criminal injury claims.
 - Increased satisfaction in the community with where they live and increased feelings of safety
- 3.8 This project is demonstrating the effectiveness of resources being brought together from across agencies and deployed on an evidence led basis.
- 3.9 As part of the development of the Community Safety Hub, a number of key procedures and processes have been reviewed and updated, some as a result of the Council now assuming responsibility as the data controller for CCTV.
- 3.10 The Public Protection Information Sharing Protocol has now been returned by the significant majority of stakeholders with only a small number remaining outstanding. A further reminder has been issued to those who have not yet signed the document.
- 3.11 A CCTV protocol has also now been developed and signed by the Council and Police Scotland to agree boundaries on the use of the CCTV system and this ensures that any requests for use of the Council CCTV network are adhering to the latest Information Commissioner's Office Surveillance code of practice and guidance documents.

Phase 2 Development of the Hub

- 3.12 All of the Phase 1 developments outlined above provide a strong foundation for the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership as it seeks to roll out the development of the Hub. Phase 2 of the project will now focus on maximising the use of the Community Safety Hub and scoping the potential for realising efficiencies across the Council as well as identifying potential areas for income generation.
- 3.13 The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub has already contributed significantly to improving resilience of core services and facilities that operate from the Hub. In order to progress further a business case needs to be developed that will allow the service to operate 24/7. At this point more fundamental redesign of out of hours services can be considered that may have the potential to generate income and /or realise efficiency savings.
- 3.14 An initial Project Team has been established in order to deliver the initial objectives identified:
- Develop a business case that identifies Council services that can be delivered more efficiently from the Integrated CCTV Control Room and Hub on a 24/7 basis
 - Procure any required components to facilitate the migration of identified services into the Integrated CCTV Control Room and Hub
 - Phased migration of services into the Integrated CCTV Control Room and Hub
- 3.15 As part of the initial development of the Community Safety Hub Phase 2 close links are now well established with the key services involved in delivering the Council's

Regulatory and Enforcement Services. Officers from the Community Resources Business Regulation team now attend Daily Tasking at the Hub on a regular basis and are able to use this process to exchange information with other services ensuring a holistic approach to regulation of businesses in Renfrewshire. The sharing of information at Daily Tasking already allows for targeted deployment of resources for resolving business enforcement issues such as trade waste, late hours catering and anti-social behaviour in and around businesses. This is supporting wider projects and priorities including the regeneration of Town Centres and Paisley 2021.

- 3.16 An early component of Phase 2 of the Hub will be the wider roll out of the current Radio Link service. At the present time the Radio Link service operates in the Paisley Town Centre and provides businesses with a direct radio link to the CCTV Control Room. The system allows the control room to alert businesses to the presence of issues such as potential shoplifters and also provides added business resilience as some of the businesses currently on the system are 'single operator' businesses. Associated with this will be improved links to the Scottish Fire Service and Police Service Control rooms.
- 3.17 An interim review of existing contracts in place for services which potentially could be delivered from the Integrated CCTV Control Room has been carried out. The working group is now meeting to outline critical business requirements across all services as part of the preparation of a robust business case.

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To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 31 August 2016

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Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2015/16

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the Scottish Police Authority must prepare an annual report as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year. The most recent report was presented to the Scottish Parliament at the end of June 2016 and covers the 2015/2016 financial year.
- 1.2 The Annual Review Report makes an assessment of progress against each of the 4 Strategic Police Priorities and highlights some of the key work undertaken by the Police Authority to improve the performance and scrutiny of Police Scotland. The full report is available on the SPA website and copies can be made available for the information of Members.
- 1.3 This report highlights some of the key points made in the Annual Review Report that have particular relevance to the work of Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership and the Council.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- a) Notes the publication of the Annual Review of Policing 2015/2016 by the Scottish Police Authority;
- b) Notes the focus of the work of Police Scotland on a range of issues that have direct relevance to Renfrewshire and that align with the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the Scottish Police Authority must prepare an annual report as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year.
- 3.2 The 2015/2016 Scottish Police Authority annual review is the third since the single Police service came into force in Scotland.

- 3.3 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) was established with the remit to ensure that the “people of Scotland receive the best policing possible.” The SPA Board has a responsibility “to maintain, support and promote policing while.....holding the Chief Constable to account.”
- 3.4 During the period of this review the Chief Constable changed, with Stephen House leaving the post and the appointment of Phil Gormley at the beginning of 2016.

4 Chair’s Foreward & Chief Constable’s Comments

- 4.1 A number of themes that are of particular interest and relevance to the priorities being taken forward by the Community Planning Partnership come across strongly throughout the report – but in particular are a focus in both the SPA Chair’s foreword (Andrew Flanagan) and the Chief Constable’s comments (Phil Gormley):
- Support for vulnerable people;
 - Support for missing persons;
 - Combating domestic abuse;
 - Child protection and combating child abuse;
 - Protection of communities;
 - Strengthening business and community resilience and combating terrorism;
 - Strengthening the approach to managing serious and violent offenders;
 - A commitment to equalities and diversity;
 - A commitment to improving procedures such as “Stop and Search”;
 - A commitment to working in partnership.
- 4.2 This focus should be welcomed by the Board as it aligns well with the priorities established by the wider Community Planning Partnership and supports the agenda that has been agreed in Renfrewshire to meet the needs of communities locally.

5. Strategic Police Priorities and Performance

- 5.1 The work undertaken to deliver against the 4 current agreed Strategic Police priorities also aligns well with and supports agreed local priorities.

Priority 1 – Make communities safer and reduce harm by tackling and investigating crime and demonstrating pioneering approaches to prevention and collaboration at a national and local level.

- 5.2 The commitment to early intervention, prevention and partnership working established in this priority is central to the work of Renfrewshire Council’s Community Safety Partnership, and is a key area where there is ongoing and effective partnership working with Police Scotland.
- 5.3 Much of the work provided as examples in the attached SPA Annual Review report is being implemented within Renfrewshire and the multi-agency, preventative focus with respect to reducing crime and other harms, as well as improving individual and community safety, security and wellbeing is central to the work of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub.

- 5.4 Recorded crime in Scotland continues to fall and according to the report, stands at a 41 year low. These figures are also being reflected in Police scrutiny reports being presented locally at each Housing and Community Safety Policy Board.
- 5.5 Whilst not specifically mentioned in the report, this priority also links closely to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Coordination (MARAC) group approach that has been established during the past year. Police Scotland chairs the Renfrewshire MARAC with the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership hub providing support and coordination. The SPA Annual Review report highlights that the number of recorded Domestic Abuse incidents nationally has decreased from 59,515 to 57,687. There is concern that these figures might continue to under represent the true number of incidences of domestic abuse in Scotland, however there is increasing confidence that the work now being carried out locally in partnership with Police Scotland is beginning to strengthen and improve support for individuals and families that are subject to domestic abuse.
- 5.6 The report also highlights the work being undertaken to tackle serious and organised crime and new and emerging threats including cyber crime. Members will be aware that the Council has established an Integrity group to examine this issue and to respond to this locally. Police Scotland have provided considerable help and support to this group including awareness raising, training and development for the group and other senior officers within the Council.

Priority 2 – Strengthen Scotland’s reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major events and threats.

- 5.7 The SPA Annual Review report notes that the threat from international terrorism has continued to exert a major influence on this area of policing activity. This is liable to continue to be the case following recent events in Nice, Turkey and Munich that have come since the events noted in the report – which occurred in Tunisia, Paris and Brussels. Renfrewshire Council has worked closely with Police Scotland at a local level to put in place arrangements that will support and protect local communities as far as possible. The local Counter Terrorism Prevent Group has now been established as a multi agency tasking group, with close support from Police Scotland and involving all of the key partners that are relevant in Renfrewshire.
- 5.8 Operation Darting Dolphins was a National Counter Terrorism Exercise run on 26th and 27th January 2016 and focused around INTU Braehead Shopping Centre. Renfrewshire Council were invited to observe and learn from the exercise, as were the Civil Contingencies Service through their partnership with the management of the Shopping Centre.

Priority 3 – Provide an efficient, effective service focused on protecting frontline services, delivering the benefits of police reform and promoting continuous improvement.

- 5.9 Like all other Public Service Bodies, Police Scotland are facing resource reductions and cuts to budgets. However, this Priority focuses on the need to protect frontline services by minimising areas of duplication in support service activities.
- 5.10 This focus is to be welcomed as it supports the continuation of frontline and community Policing of the type that is essential to ensure that local priorities and concerns are addressed.

Priority 4 – Make communities stronger and improve wellbeing by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the new Police Scotland an exemplar of visible, ethical and responsive policing.

- 5.11 This Priority highlights the ways that Police Scotland intend to make communities stronger and increase public confidence whilst reducing the fear of crime.
- 5.12 A lot of the focus is on equality including gender based violence initiatives, LGBT and engaging with a diverse range of communities. Renfrewshire Council links into this via the Scottish Government's Equally Safe Strategy. The reference to the work done to support the arrival of Syrian refugees is of particular relevance to Renfrewshire. In addition, the work that is referred to in the SPA Annual Review report to increase levels of hate crime reporting is being driven nationally by the "I am Me Charity" based in Renfrewshire and supported by the Council and other local partners.
- 5.13 A lot of work has also been taken forward locally by the Community Safety Partnership. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers have been active in the Renfrewshire area, and Police Scotland is taking the lead role in the Building Safer Greener Communities partnership approach which is linked directly to the national Building Safer Communities strategy to reduce victims of crime and victims of unintended harm across Scotland.
- 5.14 In its conclusion to the report, the SPA highlights a number of key developments that will influence how the SPA and Police Scotland will deliver policing, this includes:
- Introduction of new Strategic Police Priorities set by the Scottish Government during summer 2016;
 - Consultation on the next Strategic Police Plan 2017/20; and
 - Implementation of the recommendations from the Chair's Review of Governance of Policing.

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

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Report by:
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TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD – JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017

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 January 2017 to the June 2017.
- 1.2 The Board had agreed previously that it would develop a programme of visits to projects/initiatives to coincide with meetings, therefore consideration should also be given to identifying which projects/initiatives to visit and suitable venues for meetings.
- 1.3 It should be noted that although the Board meetings have been scheduled to June 2017 the Local Government Elections are due to be held on 4 May 2017 and therefore the Board meeting in June may be subject to change or cancellation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board approves the timetable of meetings to June 2017; schedules a programme of visits to projects/initiatives; and identifies 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 are as follows:
- Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 2pm
 - Thursday 30 March 2017 at 10.30am
 - Thursday 22 June 2017 at 10.30am

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