

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

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Community Safety and Public Protection Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update for the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board on recent activities carried out by Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, including information on:

- environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- protecting vulnerable residents;
- building safer communities;
- diversionary activities;

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the content of this progress update report.

3. Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

Vehicle Emissions Testing

- 3.1 This bi-annual event took place on 15-16 November 2016. Community Safety wardens, working in partnership with Licensing Officers and Police Scotland, carried out emissions testing on light vehicles entering the Air Quality Management Area in Paisley town centre. 514 vehicles were tested (including 22 taxis and private-hire vehicles), with 5 fails resulting in the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices to the drivers. There were also 6 warnings issued due to minor defects.



4 Protecting Vulnerable Residents

Festive Safety Campaign

4.1 Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership delivered a Festive Safety Campaign during December 2016 / early January 2017 within Paisley town centre which included:

- an increased focus on Paisley town centre by Renfrewshire Wardens;
- additional patrols by police officers;
- Street Pastors assisting party-goers.

4.2 A Safe Bus service was also provided by the Partnership and was supported by the Scottish Ambulance service. The Safe Bus being located at New Street on 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 December 2016 from 9pm until 3am. The Safe Bus assisted members of the public who were injured, felt threatened or needed safety advice. It also provided flip flops, sweets, bottled water, a phone charging facility and emergency blankets for those affected by colder weather. From the table below it can be seen that 267 people presented at the Safe Bus during this period which was an increase of over a third from last year. Statistics for the period show that antisocial behaviour and related disorder within Ward 3 decreased by around 12% during this period in comparison with the previous year. It is likely that the Festive Campaign contributed to these reductions.

Recorded Numbers Visiting the Safe Bus

Date	Male Visiting Bus	Female Visiting Bus	Total Visiting Bus
09/12/16	8	20	28
10/12/16	12	24	36
16/12/16	10	22	32
17/12/16	18	30	48
23/12/16	10	16	26
24/12/16	12	19	31
30/12/16	10	20	30
31/12/16	12	24	36
Totals	92	175	267

I Am Me/Keep Safe

4.3 I Am Me/Keep Safe is raising awareness of Disability Hate Crime by showing films within its CineBus. This mobile cinema/theatre is continuing its tour of the Primary Schools of Renfrewshire and the community groups of Scotland raising awareness of Keep Safe. During September-October 2016 the CineBus attended:



- 2016 Ability Fest – an annual event which offers unique benefits to the disabled community, employers and support organisations in Glasgow;
- Keep Safe National Launch at Tulliallan Police College;
- Ayr Communities Day;
- Popular local locations like Soar @ Intu Braehead and Renfrewshire House.

4.4 I Am Me/Keep Safe won the 2016 Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 'Invest in Renfrewshire' category at the prestigious (ROCCO) awards night on 18th November. I Am Me/Keep Safe continues their prize winning form in the ROCCOs having previously won the 'Community Champion' award in 2015.

5. Building Safer Communities

5.1 The Building Safer Greener Communities Multi Agency Tasking Group selected the Gallowhill area for intervention during winter 2016. Over a six week period the group worked together to make improvements in the local community. 107 interviews were completed, the majority being through Social Media. Areas of concern the community wanted partner agencies to address were: Drugs, Violent Crime, Vandalism, Speeding and Dog Fouling.

5.2 An action plan covered a number of themes:

- Community Engagement – Working with all stakeholders including the general public, community groups, voluntary organisations, public services and businesses.
- Enforcement - High Visibility Patrols conducted by Police Scotland and the wardens. Clean up of environmental hotspot areas including fly-tipping and graffiti removal.
- Home Security – Improving bogus caller and door step crime awareness by giving advice to targeted groups;
- Personal Safety - Delivering community safety messages on drug & alcohol awareness, bullying, health and well-being to youths and elderly groups including signposting of activities such as Street Stuff.
- Internet Safety – Providing advice and guidance on cyber crime / scams, financial harm and social media awareness.



- Road Safety - Road safety campaign at local schools.
- Housing - Guidance and support to tenants experiencing difficulties managing property.

An evaluation of the Purple Flag Status

- 5.3 Purple Flag status is for town and city centres that meet or surpass standards of excellence in managing the evening and night time economy. Pursuit of the award supports the Paisley Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and the City of Culture 2021 Bid. Paisley First submitted Renfrewshire's application in October 2016. A formal assessment was carried out by two external Purple Flag Assessors on 9 December 2016 and Paisley First was advised that the bid had been successful on 10 January 2017.

6. Diversionary Activities

Street Stuff

- 6.1 The Street Stuff programme has been fully active throughout Renfrewshire. Recorded attendances for the core programme in the year to date for 2016/17 have already exceeded the totals for 2015/16. To date, in 2016/17, over 32,024 attendances have been at core activities with over 100 attendances per day during the October school week and Christmas/New Year festival holiday activities.
- 6.2 Street Stuff continues to deliver routine night time activities throughout the week. Additional activities were delivered in each of the 5 LAC areas in Renfrewshire - Paisley 2021 Stadium, Bargarran, Glenburn, Linwood and Gallowhill as part of a wider partnership approach responding to youth disorder and underage drinking in the area.

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