

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

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**Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan
Remedial Actions On Year 3 Progress**

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 of the impact measures. This report provides detail on the progress and remedial actions on the indicators not achieving target, as reported on the report which was submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016, showing year three progress.
- 1.3 The report will also be considered as part of the combined Community Planning Partnership Annual Community Planning Performance Report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board discusses and notes the progress being made against the red and amber impact measures as detailed in section 3 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that resources are deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture has been embedded within the partnership and promotes collective responsibility for achieving outcomes. Clear accountability and reporting is an important aspect of the agreed approach.
- 3.2 In August 2016, a report was submitted to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board showing the progress of the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, against the targets sets.
- 3.3 A number of measures were highlighted as not achieving target and an update on current progress on these measures is detailed in the table below.

Impact Measure	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual	Remedial Action
Outcome:			
Increase % of adults who agree with the statement "I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as a place to live".	86%	79%	The introduction of the Building Safer and Greener Communities multi-agency tasking group should assist in addressing satisfaction levels and addressing the perception of local drug dealing/use in key communities across Renfrewshire.
% reduction in the perception of the local drug dealing/use in neighbourhoods (*)	11%	16%	
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>The work of the Building Safer and Greener Communities multi-agency tasking group should impact positively on both addressing satisfaction levels and the perception of drug dealing/drug use in key communities across Renfrewshire. The tasking group is working towards addressing specific needs in communities including tackling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence; • Antisocial Behaviour; • Drug/Alcohol abuse; • Youth Disorder; • Vandalism; • Litter/Dog Fouling; • Violence; • Licensing and Enforcement activities, and • Environmental Improvements. <p>Renfrewshire has 25 datazones in the 5% most health deprived which equates to a local share of 11.1% i.e 1 in 9 datazones in Renfrewshire suffer the severest health deprivation. These statistics are one dataset that assists in allowing Renfrewshire Council to target the correct areas for the programme.</p> <p>To date the approach has been introduced in Ferguslie and Gallowhill and has already delivered positive results. In Ferguslie 47% of residents rated the area as a very good place to live. This is an increase of 16% compared to a similar survey carried out in 2013. 64% of Ferguslie residents stated that they feel very or fairly safe when walking alone in Ferguslie. This is an increase of 14% in comparison to 2013.</p> <p>More people now state that they have little or no fear of crime within Ferguslie than those who do. This compares favourably to 2013 when there was an even split.</p> <p>In both communities drug use and drug related crimes were highlighted as a prominent issue identified by the local community.</p> <p>Action plans are now being developed for each community to address the key issues arising from the new approach. Information gathered has been used by partners to target enforcement and improvements e.g. Community Safety Wardens (anti-social behaviour), Police Scotland (speeding/crime) and Community Justice (overgrown areas).</p> <p>(*) The data source for the drug dealing/use impact measure is taken from the Scottish Household Survey which uses a small sample size at the local authority level and therefore is sensitive to change and fluctuation year on year.</p>			

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Outcome:			
Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (combined data from Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Service and Police Scotland)	11,489	12,616	The co-location of services within the new Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub and the subsequent review of agencies attending daily tasking offers an improved approach to dealing with anti-social behaviour in Renfrewshire.
Number of complaints regarding vandalism and youth disorder	2,614	3,244	To respond to these issues Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership has identified and targeted interventions in several hotspot areas that were accounting for a significant number of referrals to the Youth Team.
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>Performance for both impact measures had previously exceeded year 3 and year 10 targets which led to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Board setting much more challenging targets for both measures, which were highlighted as difficult to achieve. A drive to improve reporting of these activities and the challenging nature of the revised targets is reflected in the current performance achieved.</p> <p>Daily tasking has allowed for early intervention and a more holistic approach to tackling anti-social behaviour in Renfrewshire. The approach implemented allows for the most appropriate service to intervene early with sustainable outcomes being achieved. However the close working relationships being developed across the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership has led to increases in the numbers of referrals being recorded for key activities – vandalism, anti-social behaviour, drug crime and domestic abuse in particular.</p> <p>In addition better links have been established with the Police Scotland control room who are diverting more lower level antisocial behaviour calls to the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Noise Team, Youth Team and Wardens Service.</p> <p>There is evidence that the partnership approach in addressing youth disorder and antisocial behaviour is working as reported incidents within these areas have reduced or stopped following the targeted intervention approach. It is also clear that there is an element of displacement which is to be expected. However, the partnership knowledge and expertise of the individuals involved has allowed for quick and sustainable interventions to be put in place to address the issues within each area and to make connections when the same perpetrators are identified to have moved to a different location. The increased sharing of relevant information is also allowing a change in focus onto resolving the particular issues that these individuals have that is driving their behaviour, rather than simply intervening to prevent anti-social behaviour when it occurs.</p>			

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Outcome:			
Reduction in the number of children looked after away from home	275	295	<p>In partnership with the Centre for Excellence in Looked after Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council has been implementing tests of change in permanency planning for children and this will contribute incrementally to a long term reduction in accommodated placements as alternative long-term arrangements are put in place which includes kinship care, adoption and permanent return home.</p> <p>Further reductions will be achieved as the impact of early intervention and preventative work are realised. However, such programmes achieve results over many years. There have been significant reductions in the number of older children being accommodated, and services such as the Whole Systems Team and Functional Family Therapy are now supporting older children and teenagers to remain at home.</p>
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>The aim of reducing the number of children looked after away from home is a long-term one, and good progress is being made. The number of children looked after away from home has shown a year on year decrease from 332 in 2012/13 to 295 in 2015/16.</p> <p>The wellbeing of the child is always paramount and the service will maintain an accommodated placement when a young person is settled and thriving. Strong partnership working in Renfrewshire supports the identification of risk to the most vulnerable, meaning we continue to accommodate very young children.</p>			

Impact Measure	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual	Remedial Action
Outcome:			
Increase in the detection rate for hate crime and offences (Impact measure revised November 2015)	86%	79.9%	To help address hate crime, Police Scotland has established the 'Grey Space' Community Tension Monitoring Group which operates across Renfrewshire and Inverclyde.
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>After significant discussions with representatives from the various agencies, establishments and groups in the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde, the 'Grey Space' group held its first meeting in May 2016. Police Scotland currently chairs and provides a consistent secretariat for the group.</p> <p>Membership of the 'Grey Space Group' 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> <p>The group acts as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a forum for inter community discussion in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde and a support mechanism for other members in the event of a significant crisis incident that may impact on their community; • a mechanism to cascade, within their communities, useful information and materials which the police or local authorities provide from time to time; • a forum for members to provide an update on changes to the composition of their communities, and likely impacts this might bring to other communities within Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. • an outreach body to newly established or hard to reach/ engage communities within Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. <p>Hate Crime incidents are relatively small in number and therefore a small number of crimes can result in large changes to the overall rate.</p>			

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