
To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

On: 21 May 2019

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing and Planning

Heading: Street Stuff Annual Report 2018/2019

1. Summary

1.1 Street Stuff is a partnership programme amongst Renfrewshire Council, St Mirren Football Club, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Engage Renfrewshire.

1.2 Street Stuff has been delivering activities since 2009 and is preparing a year-long celebration in 2019 for its 10th year delivering activities to young people in Renfrewshire. It has contributed to delivering a sustained reduction in reported youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. Across Renfrewshire, there was an initial 75% reduction in youth disorder and anti-social behaviour that has been sustained at 65% since the programme began. Recorded attendances fluctuate from year to year as the programme targets hotspot areas of anti-social behaviour and numbers reflect the scale of the community the programme is being delivered in, however the programme remains extremely busy at all times.



1.3 Street Stuff buses introduced using funding from the Tackling Poverty Commission, continue to be a big hit with young people. Equipment including X-boxes, Playstations I-pads, Macbooks as well as DJ decks and free Wi-Fi give flexibility in learning and provide fun activities in the wider areas of Renfrewshire as well as supporting events, gala days and community engagement.

- 1.4 The success of the programme is its ability to respond quickly to hot spot areas identified through collaborative working supported by Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. Being evidence led, and by responding early through the daily tasking process, the service is able to divert young people effectively from anti-social behaviour into more meaningful activities.



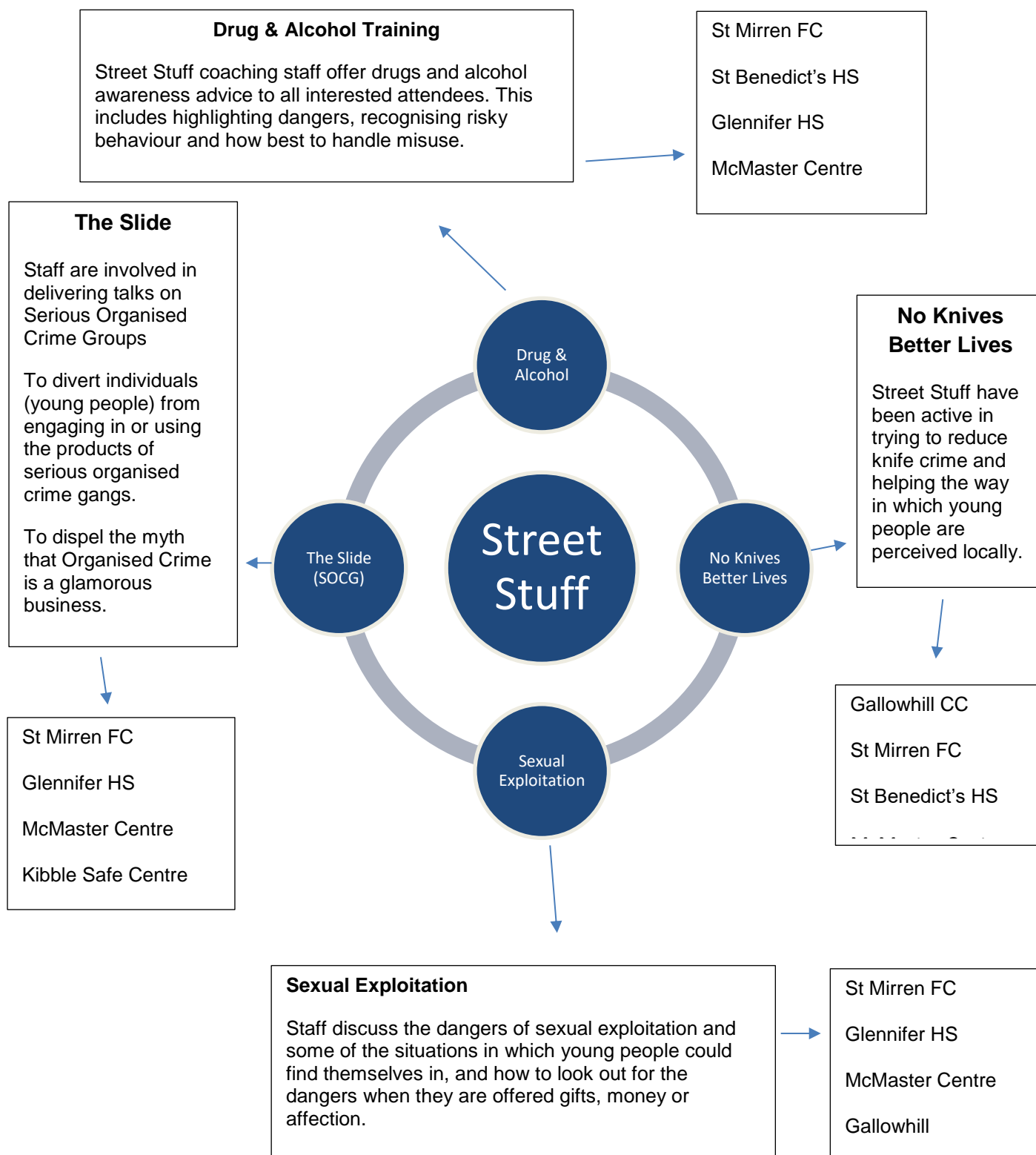
- 1.5 This report confirms the continuation of the core Street Stuff programme through the 2018/19 financial year and highlights some of the additional projects linked with the core programme that further improves its reach and effectiveness to young people across Renfrewshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board:
- (a) notes the work undertaken by the Street Stuff programme highlighted within this annual report 2018/2019.

3. Current Service Provision

- 3.1 Street Stuff provides a range of activities, primarily in the evenings and at weekends across Renfrewshire. Effective targeting and identification of the locations is enabled using information from the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership including Police data that highlights the locations, days and times of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 Street Stuff core activities have been delivered across Renfrewshire. As well as the delivery of fun and interactive activities, we have delivered educational inputs with our partners to young people focusing on the issues affecting their area. The areas targeted, whilst not exhaustive, include: Gallowhill; Robertson Park Renfrew; Arkleston; Kirklandnuek; Moorpark; Shortroods; Erskine; Lochwinnoch; Corseford; Houston; Linwood; Kilbarchan; Glenburn; Seedhill etc. The diagram below highlights some of the work being carried out in some key areas.



- 3.3 The table below summarises the quarterly number of recorded attendances including events, gala days and fetes and additional activities with food provision delivered across Renfrewshire.

Street Stuff Stats 2018/19	Events	Core	Tackling Poverty including a healthy meal	Totals
Q1	3260	6255	816	10331
Q2	400	5649	2986	9035
Q3	786	3653	1113	5552
Q4	-	2849	-	2849
TOTAL	4446	18406	4915	27767

Programme Delivery

- 3.4 The Street Stuff programme continued to deliver activities throughout Renfrewshire during 2018/19. The programme received additional funding from the Council to continue to respond to issues identified by the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Commission and target areas of poverty and deprivation. This allowed the programme to deliver additional activities and resources giving increased flexibility in operations and resulted in the overall numbers of participants taking part remaining at a high level. Street Stuff has recorded 27,767 attendances during 2018/19 including the provision of almost 5,000 healthy meals. Almost 80% of sessional workers on the programme are former participants and a number of volunteers have delivered over 200 hours of voluntary work while supporting their personal development and increasing their employment and training potential

Street Stuff Additional Activities

- 3.5 Street Stuff also support a number of gala days and fetes creating opportunities for young people to get involved and increasing awareness of the programme. Whilst the list is not exhaustive, the following events were supported with the provision of football, dance or the new gaming buses:

Gala Days/Fetes

St Anthony's School Fete	Howwood Gala Day
No Substitute for Life	Elderslie Gala Day
Bowfield Country Club open day	Braehead Car Show
Barwood Park, Erskine	Ferguslie Gala Day
Johnstone Gala Day	Gleniffer Braes Open Day

Events

3.6 As well as gala days and fetes, Street Stuff also attended a number of events in Renfrewshire.

- Pipe Band Championships – Street Stuff supported the event at St James Playing Fields with football and the bus. A fun day of activities with people of all ages getting involved and strutting their stuff in kilts.
- SMA shot day – dancers took part in the Parade for the fourth year in a row – which is becoming a massive hit for young people each year.
- No Substitute for Life – Street Stuff continued their support for this annual event, which unfortunately is a reality for some of the young people who attend the programme.

- Reclaim the night – Street Stuff supported the United Nation's 16 Days of Action for the Elimination of Violence Against Women campaign. This seeks to raise awareness of violence against women within the UK and is open to everyone. This year's event also supported the Year of Young People 2018.



- Irn Bru Carnival – Some of the young people who attended the Christmas party at the stadium were rewarded with a trip to the Irn Bru Carnival courtesy of Santa. The group had a great time and for most participants it was the first time they had ever received this opportunity.

- Gravity – Our attendees also won prizes to attend the local trampoline park in Soar Braehead. This was a fun filled action packed day that was challenging to all fitness levels.



- Farewell Frenzy – Street Stuff Staff were involved in delivering activities within Paisley Museum as part of their farewell party before regeneration work commenced. This was received very well by all involved.

- Fearless – a national organisation who encourage young people to report crime and guarantee an Anonymity Promise. This was received very well by all young people in attendance and was followed by a photo opportunity and football match with MP Mhari Black.



- School Work Experience – Street Stuff attendees have independently contacted staff to take part in work experience. This is an unpaid opportunity to learn about the world of work and see it in action.



- Challenge Poverty Week – St Mirren Players, Street Stuff staff and young people supported Challenge Poverty week posing with posters at activities, at the training ground and the wider Renfrewshire area. All young people involved were educated around the impacts of poverty and where to seek help if required.



- Mary Russell – Staff have been engaging and delivering football activities every Friday afternoon within the school setting. This also helps breakdown barriers for community engagement as young people feel more confident in attending activities in local areas in the evening when they recognise Street Stuff is deployed.

Staff Training

- 3.7 The coaches involved in the delivery of the Street Stuff programme are faced with new challenges everyday working on the street in the heart of our communities. They are supported with a number of training sessions to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to deal with as many potential eventualities as possible. In the last year, staff have received the following training:

- GDPR – bringing staff up to date with the new data protection information and guidance.

- No Knives Better Lives – A national priority of raising awareness of knife crime, staff and young people received training on the most up to date information and guidance from the national team.



- Serious & Organised Crime – Sadly not far from any door step, staff were given training from Police Scotland on the signs to look for whilst working in the heart of our communities. Two of the staff discussed their journeys highlighting the path they could have taken if it weren't for their involvement in Street Stuff.
- Aspire – The Street Stuff Manager took his personal development to a new level by being part of the Council's Aspire Leadership Course. The modules studied have already been put into practice in the development and delivery of the programme.
- RIPSAs – The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act affects all people using cameras, social media and other means of data. Street Stuff are no different
- Child Protection – Street Stuff staff attended the Council run Child Protection training along with fellow colleagues, this is an ongoing programme which all staff must attend.



- Health & Safety – the Health & Safety of staff and young people is paramount in the delivery of activities. St Mirren's Health & Safety Officer provided his annual input to staff to remind them of the importance of Risk Assessments, recording and reporting of information to keep everyone safe.

- Nil By Mouth – The National leading anti-sectarian charity provided inputs to staff and young people about the impact sectarian behaviours have on individuals and the wider community. Whilst this was a challenging session for some of our young people this was delivered in a fun and interactive way and certainly got the message across.

Tackling Poverty programme

- 3.8 Street Stuff continued to deliver an extended programme of activities during the school holiday periods throughout 2018/19 including the provision of a healthy meal. Over 26,000 healthy meals have been provided at activities since the extended programme began in October 2015.



- 3.9 A key feature each year since the Tackling Poverty funding came into being has been the Festive programme delivered over the 2-week Christmas shut down period with over 600 recorded attendances with young people attending from all over Renfrewshire.
- 3.10 Over and above the normal delivery of activities and provision of a healthy meal, A special Christmas Party was held with over 60 young people in attendance. A Christmas Dinner was served with gifts, selection boxes, games and quizzes taking place. The night was a huge success with all young people enjoying the activities.
- 3.11 The project also attended the APM Project Management Conference Edinburgh – Our aspiring Police Officer Jay Gibson and Modern Apprentice Nicola Perratt each gave presentations at the conference along with other



Tackling Poverty representatives. They told their story of what Street Stuff meant to them and the support the Tackling Poverty Commission has meant for them. Their inputs were reported as being heartfelt and genuine and they were thanked for their contribution.

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- 3.12 Street Stuff in partnership with the Scottish Football Partnership, Uefa foundation delivered two 12-week football activity programmes to young people from Glencoats primary on a Thursday evening. Part of this process was learning about healthy eating included the provision of a healthy meal provided by the Council's catering team. The young people also attended Hampden Park for a photo shoot meeting new friends from other parts of Renfrewshire. The programme has been successful with new programmes being developed for 2019/20.



Volunteering

- 3.13 Volunteering is a major part of the ethos of Street Stuff. Over the course of the year Street Stuff have offered the opportunity for fifteen young attendees to gain valuable volunteer experience whilst engaging with our project. Part of this process has included support from Engage Renfrewshire to raise awareness of the long-term benefits of volunteering and the ability to work towards recognition through the Saltire Awards. Several volunteers have now gained over 200 hours of volunteering experience with the programme – and many of the employees started out as participants and volunteers with the programme.



Keep Scotland Beautiful

- 3.14 Street Stuff, was presented with the prestigious Clean Up Scotland 'Hero of the Month' award in April 2018 in recognition of their efforts to support the Team Up to Clean Up campaign.



- 3.15 Street Stuff volunteers and coaching staff from St Mirren FC have assisted Renfrewshire Council with a range of community clean-up activities, including litter picking, removing graffiti from public spaces and spraying dog fouling with paint to make it more visible - therefore highlighting the problem.
- 3.16 The award forms part of the Clean Up Scotland campaign, organised by environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful, and acknowledges Street Stuff's work to help reduce youth disorder and to instil responsibility in young people.



Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The core budget is met from existing resources within Renfrewshire Council. Additional funding such Tackling Poverty Commission is added to the core budget with appropriate financial controls put in place.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
 3. **Community Planning**

Renfrewshire is Safe – The Street Stuff programme (within Communities and Public Protection) and associated activities and outcomes contribute to making Renfrewshire a safer place to live. The project tackles youth disorder areas as highlighted throughout the Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement.
 4. **Legal** – None
 5. **Property/Assets** – None
 6. **Information Technology** – None
 7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
 8. **Health & Safety** – None
 9. **Procurement** – None
 10. **Risk** – None
 11. **Privacy Impact** – None
 12. **CoSLA Policy Position** – Not applicable
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List of Background Papers

None

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