

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Community Safety Committee****8 June 2016****Bill Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Committee members on the current partnership activity and the activity which is currently being developed within the remit of the Community Safety and Environment agendas.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Community Safety Committee receive reports of the Community Safety and Environment group but one meeting in arrears.

2. PROPOSALS

This is the summary of issues raised at the March 2016 meeting.

2.1 Road Safety

Concerns were expressed at the last meeting to the lack of available funding for the Safe Drive Stay Alive road safety campaign. It was confirmed that at the TACTRAN Partnership meeting on 10 March 2015, a £9,000 provision for the continuation of the contribution towards the campaign in Angus, Dundee and Perth, had been agreed.

2.2 Home Safety

There was a progress report submitted to the partnership of home safety working between Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth and Kinross Council's Safer Communities Team and highlighting issues and notable practices. The paper included reference to sustainable partnership working; the data being a testament to success; benefits within the Council and overall of Partnership Home Safety Visits in giving confidence and providing additional advice and assistance; and the potential suitability of the Perth and Kinross model in other areas.

2.3 Safer Communities Multi Agency Tasking Arrangements

A report was submitted by the Director (Housing and Community Care) updating the Group on the progress of the Safer Communities Multi-Agency Tasking Arrangements.

John Irons briefly spoke to the report and confirmed that the new multi-tasking arrangements, which replaced the Community Tasking and Co-ordinating

(CTAC) Groups in July 2014, appeared to be working more effectively than the previous system.

2.4 Graffiti Strategy

There was a presentation and report on the progress of the graffiti strategy highlighting the amount of work that has been carried out to deal with graffiti in public places. A Safer Communities Investigator became the graffiti co-ordinator and single point of contact.

New reporting arrangements were agreed and new clean up and procedures established.

As a consequence 309 pieces of graffiti have been identified and reported and 221 pieces have been cleaned up so far. This work has been carried out by

- The Environment Service
- Unpaid Work Team
- Right Track Team

This ranges from small scale tags in doorways to huge vandalisms requiring high-pressure cleaners and cherry-pickers to remove them.

2.5 Financial Update 2015/16

A report was submitted by the Director (Housing and Community Care) providing information as to how the funds allocated to the Group had been spent during 2015/16.

2.6 Drug and Alcohol

A report was submitted by E Knox, the Director Tayside Council on Alcohol updating the Group of the progress being made by partners in respect of the issues regarding New Psychoactive Substances, Drug Deaths and Overprovision Work which was being progressed through the Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

The direct correlation between alcohol-related harm and the availability and numbers of licensed premises was noted and referred to Licensing Boards having a duty to assess overprovision and to include a statement in their licensing policy. In determining overprovision a number of factors including number, capacity and type of premises, and size of display area, could be taken into account. The issue was complex, with the clear link between deprivation, provision and alcohol-related harm.

In terms of drug deaths, E Knox spoke of the difference that could be made by the 'recovery' movement which was established across Perth and Kinross and of how there remained an ongoing issue in terms of intervention referral and the sharing of information.

2.7 Annual Adult Support and Protection Report

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) providing

- a summary of the annual Perth and Kinross Adult Support and Protection report that covers the period 1 April 2014-31 March 2015
- identifying the priority areas for the coming year.

The main issues highlighted in analysis of data are

- Police Scotland have centralised referrals with formation of Dundee Hub. This has resulted in reduced Vulnerable Person Reports (VPR) being sent to Community Care teams allowing for a more targeted approach to those most at risk. Perth & Kinross still received 1536 Vulnerable Person Reports in last year.
- People with a learning disability account for 31% of all Adult Support and Protection (ASP) Inquiries/Investigations
- Physical and financial harm account for 66% of ASP processes
- Increase in Large Scale Investigations into care Homes and Care at Home Organisations
- No protection orders in P&K last year although one was applied for but refused on the grounds that it did not meet the threshold.

Key objectives for next year as documented in the Improvement Plan

- a) Financial harm - seminars for financial institutions, legal representatives and the service providers pledge, welfare reform, financial institutions
- b) Public awareness
- c) How we can work better together - health & social care integration, Self Directed Support.
- d) Improve quality assurance processes
- e) Improve data collection and analysis
- f) Children and Young Person Act – impact on ASP

2.8 Vulnerability Theme Update

There was submitted and noted report by Chief Inspector Maggie Pettigrew, Police Scotland, Theme Lead providing an update on the partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development under the Vulnerability Theme.

- **Violence against women**

Funding was obtained from the Integrated Care Fund which provided a part time VAW co-ordinator for a year. John Evans has been appointed.

The partnership is leading a number of projects which are being delivered at significant cost over two to five years. The principal projects are:

Outreach Project
Cedar Project
MARAC Project

- **Hate Crime**

On 9 February 2016 there was a launch of the National Research Report Identifying Existing Services and Gaps in Provision for Ethnic Minority Communities in Scotland. This report was commissioned by PKAVS Minority Communities Hub. It is comprehensive and makes 8 Recommendations which will be considered by the commissioners.

- **Mental Health**

Emotional Wellbeing Workers, who have been funded through the Integrated Care Fund, have started working at Murray Royal Hospital from 8 February. The team will provide support for people who are in distress but who are not mentally unwell.

- **Suicide and Self harm**

Kinnoull Hill

In November 2015, a workshop was held with the members of the Steering Group and staff from the Greenspace Team to discuss the finalisation of a draft design for a low wall at the summit of Kinnoull Hill to disrupt suicide attempts from this location of concern. The next stage is to widen out consultation to the Kinnoull Hill Users Group, and a workshop and site visit is being planned for Spring 2016.

Crisis Pack

The Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team, alongside other members of the Steering Group, are developing a 'Crisis Pack' which can be given to people who are accessing services and who are in distress. The pack will contain practical information on different services; but more importantly, will have their own tailored 'safety plan' which they can turn to when they have feelings of distress.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an overview of the activity within the Community Safety Outcome Delivery Group to give them reassurance that this activity is delivering positive outcomes for communities.

It is recommended that members note the content of the report.

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