

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Community Safety Committee

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Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group Briefing Paper

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This briefing is to update Committee members on the current partnership activity within the remit of the Community Safety and Environment agendas.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Community Safety and Environment Group is tasked with delivering the outcomes in respect of Community Safety and the Environment as outlined in the Perth and Kinross Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement.

2. UPDATE

- 2.1 This is the summary of the reports considered at the Groups meeting on 17 June 2016.

2.2 PERTH AND KINROSS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL REPORT

Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership Annual Report -

A report was submitted on the activities on the Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership during 2015-16. (This report had already been considered by the Community Safety Committee on 8 June 2016). It sought to encourage understanding of violence against women from an equalities and human rights perspective and through their improvement actions, explain how the Partnership intended to build upon the positive work currently being done within and across communities to support the vision set out in 'Equally Safe'; that *"all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse – and the attitudes that help perpetrate it."*

2.3 ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Statistics - The 2015 milestones and the 2020 targets for casualty reduction have been exceeded for people killed, people seriously injured and children killed. The 2020 target for the reduction in the slight casualty rate has been exceeded. The 2015 milestone for children seriously injured has been matched. If the figures continue along this trajectory, partners are on track to meet the casualty reduction 2020 target for children seriously injured.

Road Safety Plan - Council staff are currently preparing the new Road Safety Plan which will capture the partnership work that already exists with road safety partners and build on strengthening links with local communities.

A9 Safety Group - The key performance indicators introduced by the Group are showing that there is clear evidence of sustained change in driver behaviour across the route on both the Dunblane to Perth and the Perth to Inverness sections with a significant reduction in speeding.

2.4 SAFER COMMUNITIES THEME UPDATE

Purple Flag Scheme – Purple Flag is an accreditation process similar to the Green Flag award for parks and the Blue Flag award for beaches. It leads to Purple Flag status for town & city centres that meet or surpass the standards of excellence in managing the evening and night time economy. An application has been submitted for Perth City Centre which has been successful.

Water Safety - SafeTaysiders takes place in May each year and has always included a Water Safety element. Latterly, this station has been facilitated by RNLI, who will be joined this year by SEPA, meaning that Perth and Kinross is probably ahead of other areas in Scotland as we guarantee that all primary school aged children that attend school on the day of these events (approx. 2,000 each year) received education in water safety awareness. This includes participation in a scenario based learning exercise with feedback and points (towards the end of event awards) given to each group of pupils.

Missing People - A Short Life Working Group continues to meet and Perth and Kinross is now a pilot area for the Scottish Government Strategy. On 1 June 2016 the Group introduced new processes which focus on two key areas - Repeat Missing People and Risk Management Planning.

2.5 REDUCING REOFFENDING THEME UPDATE

Reducing Reoffending Partnership – The Reducing Reoffending Partnership has recently been established and will deliver the following remit:

- Identifying opportunities to develop projects and initiatives that will reduce reoffending and reduce the risk of harm
- Managing and reporting progress and issues to the Theme Lead and the Delivery Group
- Preparing reports for the Theme Lead
- Providing governance for actions, projects and programmes of work
- Providing a forum for discussion and development of new ideas for reducing reoffending

Community Payback - A discussion took place on the Community Payback Annual Report for 2014/15 and the opportunities that Unpaid Work could deliver for communities. It highlighted the increasing use of unpaid work orders by the Courts both in number and length (Report submitted to the Committee on 30 March 2016)

Community Justice Reform - The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 has been passed by the Scottish Parliament. It radically changes the way that Community Justice is governed in Scotland. The current Community Justice Authorities are to be dis-established and their roles and responsibilities given to new local Community Justice Partnerships on 1 April 2017. To ensure a smooth transition to the new governance arrangements a shadow Community Justice Partnership has been established in Perth and Kinross, chaired by Councillor Archie MacLellan. (A report on Community Justice Reform will be submitted to the Committee later this year)

2.6 FUNDING BIDS 2016/17

A number of funding bids were considered by the Partnership and approved

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an overview of the activity within the Community Safety and Environment 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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