

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Community Safety Committee****23 November 2016****Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group Briefing Paper****Bill Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

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 business considered at the Group meeting on 19 August 2016.

2.2 SHOW RACISIM THE RED CARD – ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Group had considered and noted a report by D McPhee, Senior Commissioning and Contracts Officer, outlining the work which had been undertaken during 2015/16 with Show Racism the Red Card to allow for early planning to take place for 2016/17 activities.

2.3 PARTNERSHIP HOME SAFETY ACTIVITIES

A report had been submitted by R Middlemiss, Group Manager, Perth and Kinross Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (G/16/169) advising on the progress of partnership home safety related activities within the Perth and Kinross area. The report had also detailed the on-going partnership working between Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth and Kinross Council's Safer Communities Team and had highlighting issues and notable practices.

S Symon, Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, had spoken to the report and had advised the Group that the data presented had been compiled prior to the recent local fire which had resulted in the tragic death of a migrant worker. He had added that there was a recognised potential risk at migrant worker sites and that multi-agency work continued in this regard. The challenges in accessing vulnerable individual's homes and the difficult problems associated with social isolation were also noted.

2.4 VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE

The Group had discussed and asked questions on an update report by Maggie Pettigrew, Police Scotland, Vulnerability Theme Lead on activity of note which was underway or under development under the Vulnerability Theme. Discussion on suicide and self-harm, public education, prevention, and involving the wider community in raising awareness had also taken place.

2.5 Other Business

(i) Local Outcome Improvement Plan

M Notman had reported that the Community Planning Partnership Board was required to publish a 'Local Outcome Improvement Plan' which would focus on tackling inequalities within Perth and Kinross. She had also advised that the new plan would need to be submitted to the Scottish Government by October 2017 and that a project team made up of key partners would be co-ordinating its development. A copy of the plan would be circulated to members of this Group in due course.

(ii) Giant Hogweed

A briefing note was tabled and the Convener had confirmed that the Council did not treat ground that the local authority was not directly responsible for. A Clegg had advised that following a recent local incident, the Perth and Kinross Council website had been updated to include the circulated briefing note -

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36957&p=0>

A Clegg had also confirmed that the bodies responsible for non-native species in Scotland are; Scottish Ministers (including Marine Scotland), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Forestry Commissioners (FCS). The Convener had welcomed the inclusion of further information being available to the public via the Perth and Kinross website and requested that further discussion on this issue be deferred to the next meeting.

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 members 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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