

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Environment Committee – 9 November 2016****Summary Report from Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group on 19 August 2016****Report by Director (Housing and Community Care)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report informs committee of the recent Reports presented to the Community Safety and Environment Group.

BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES**1. SHOW RACISIM THE RED CARD – ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

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

2. PARTNERSHIP HOME SAFETY ACTIVITIES

There was submitted a report by R Middlemiss, Group Manager, Perth and Kinross Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advising on the progress of partnership home safety related activities within the Perth and Kinross area. The report also included the on-going partnership working between Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth and Kinross Council's Safer Communities Team and highlighting issues and notable practices.

3. VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Maggie Pettigrew, Police Scotland, Vulnerability Theme Lead updating on the Partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development under the Vulnerability Theme.

4. LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN

M Notman 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.

5. GIANT HOGWEED

A briefing note was tabled and the Convener confirmed that the Council did not treat ground that the local authority was not directly responsible for. A Clegg 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 also confirmed that the bodies responsible for non-native species in Scotland as; Scottish Ministers (including Marine Scotland), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Forestry Commissioners (FCS). The Convener 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.

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