

**STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**



**COMMUNITY SAFETY SDP**

**Date of last meetings: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

n/a

**Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

n/a

**MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP**

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Vision is that people in South Ayrshire live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe. The Partnership aims to do this by working together with local communities and agencies, developing strategic problem solving as an overall approach.

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership has responsibility for developing and delivering priorities in relation to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

The Community Safety Partnership is a Strategic Delivery Partnership also has responsibility for the development of the Violence Against Women Partnership.

**PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)**

**Reducing Violence JAG**

The group's last meeting took place on Wednesday 27th March.

- The Partnership continues to meet regularly to ensure appropriate sharing of information and forward planning to support increased footfall in South Ayrshire due to events being delivered locally and to support the safety of individuals who attend to enjoy hospitality/night time economy with a particular focus on Ayr and Prestwick.
- Street Pastors: Continue to engage with night time revellers and carry out distribution of flip flops to reduce number of falls, foil blankets to reduce effects of cold, water to reduce dehydration, and also pick up bottle and broken glass to reduce chance of injury.
- First Aiders: Throughout the reporting period the first aiders attended to individuals who required treatment and had symptoms of concern.
- The presence of partners helps keep people safe and supports local policing.
- Local police continue to visit licensed premises.
- Taxi Marshals: continue to assist persons requiring transport home, reducing potential flashpoints in queues.
- The Reducing Violence JAG has requested the wearing of body worn cameras by both the First Aiders and Taxi Marshals. This pilot will run for a period of 3-6 months and thereafter evaluated accordingly.

- Figures for the above are being collated and will be presented at future CSP meeting.
- Evaluation and figures for Christmas campaign were reported previously and are available.

### **Safer Places JAG**

Last Safer Places JAG meeting took place 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

- Targeted initiatives, including additional Easter streetwork and patrols have taken place in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour in Dundonald, Prestwick, Ayr and Troon in partnership with Police Scotland. This has led to a reduction in complaint from these areas.
- Vape vendors were also visited as part of this action, to ensure protocols were being adhered to by shops selling vapes. This follows an increase in concerns around young people vaping, and associated environmental issues.
- Dog fouling initiatives have taken place in the Craigie area of Ayr and Barrhill areas following concerns raised by Tenants & Residents group and Community Councils. These again have led to a reduction in community complaint re issue. Work in partnership with Environmental Health, Waste Management and Housing.
- Targeted campaign has taken place in the Dalmling area following increase in secondary fires in the area. Initiative saw engagement with the community, information drops and targeted detached streetwork.
- Re-deployable CCTV groups met in March and new deployments agreed as follows –
  - James Street, Ayr (ASB / Crime / Environmental)
  - Princes Court, Ayr (ASB / Crime / Environmental)
  - Caerlaverock Road, Prestwick (ASB)
  - Murdoch's Lone, Alloway (high value thefts)
  - John Street, Ayr (Tracking)
  - Whitletts Road, Ayr (ASB)
  - Heathfield Road, Ayr (East Rd lights junction) (track)
  - Princes Court, Ayr (Drugs / ASB)
  - Carrick Street, Ayr (ASB)
  - Drumellan Road, Maybole (ASB)

### **Fire, Road & Water Safety JAG**

- Road Safety input continues to be developed, and further sessions have been delivered around at Prestwick Academy and Carrick Academy. Themes covered include hazard perception, wearing of seatbelts, in car distractions and substance misuse.
- Continue to link with Pan Ayrshire Water Safety group, identifying local issues and sharing good practice. Information campaign will be implemented through summer months.
- Pan Ayrshire event aimed at enforcing motorcycling skills took place in East Ayrshire on 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- S1 Community Safety events / inputs will be rolled out again towards the end of term in spring. The aim is to cover schools missed last term As well at Fire, Road and Water Safety, themes will include Rail Safety, Safe Travel, Healthy Relationships and Substance Misuse. Partners involved include Police, SFRS, NHS, Coastguard, BTP and SAC Thriving Communities.
- Water Safety signage has been purchased for the area around new pontoon on the River Ayr adjacent to UWS.

### **Inter-generational JAG**

Last IG JAG meeting took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

- Discussion around using the network of Men's Shed initiatives being developed as a platform for intergenerational work.

- Links created with intergenerational group operating at Tarbolton Primary school, and project idea being developed.
- Sheltered Housing in Maybole keen to be involved in intergenerational work.
- Suggestions to increase the membership of the JAG put forward and invited to be extended to Police Scotland Volunteer group, Tarbolton IG Group and Thriving Communities Employability section.

### **Violence Against Women & Girls JAG**

The last VAWG Joint Action Group meeting took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024. The following key points are;

- Continued implementation of Action plan for group – including calendar of events and national campaigns to focus on and delivery of library of resources.
- Development of Hystayria resource and lesson plan. Working group convening to progress. Hystayria has been included in a national report by Improvement service to highlight good practice.
- Input to prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes and behaviour towards women and encouraging being a positive bystander and challenging peers has been developed. This input has recently been delivered to Police Studies class at Ayrshire College.
- ‘Imagine A Man’ resource on positive masculinity’ – this will be developed at future meetings.
- Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire work, evaluation of Conference and plan work going forward Including Commercial sexual exploitation training rolled out for all 3 VAWP staff.
- Evaluation and summary of this years 16 days of action campaign is being developed and will be circulated to VAWP for further comment.
- Highlights- Successful Reclaim the night walk with over 300 in attendance/ Hystayria pan Ayrshire roadshow/ Womens Safety networking event in All Warriors gym/ White Ribbon trophy)
- VAWP strategy has been updated onto Pentana performance system and all actions will be updated and reported on to the partnership quarterly.

### **KEY ISSUES**

- Increase in youth related antisocial behaviour throughout the locality;
- Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre;
- Community concerns regarding use of offroad vehicles;
- High levels of complaint in relation to dog fouling and other environmental;
- Road safety issues particularly in relation to younger and older drivers;
- Increase in potential water safety issues due to increase in wild swimming and water-based activities;
- Creation of safe spaces and support for women fleeing violence; and
- Increased household fire risk due to cost-of-living crisis and seasonal cold weather.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Target weekends to be identified by Reducing Violence JAG to ensure properly resourced. Particular
- Emphasis on Pavilion Festival at Low Green, Scottish Grand National Weekend and Open Golf Championship at Troon.
- Consideration to be given to creation of Water Safety Strategy for SAC.

- SAC to consider approach and response to new Firework Legislation.
- Increase Water Safety messaging and initiatives, particularly in the lead up to summer, and around new pontoon development on River Ayr.
- Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire approach to reduce violence against women and children.

#### **UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS**

##### **LOIP PRIORITIES**

Following engagement with SDP members as highlighted previously, the LOIP priorities, along with supporting narrative, which have been put forward for the new LOIP are as follows:

##### **Safer Communities**

We will work in partnership to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour in South Ayrshire by working with our local licensed and hospitality trade, schools, and local communities helping make South Ayrshire a safer place to live.

We will work in partnership to reduce all forms of violence against women and girls.

##### **Home, Road, and Water Safety**

We will work in partnership to reduce the number of serious accidents at home, on our roads and in our waterways by delivering and promoting a range of safety initiatives.

Community Safety Team to meet to agree new actions in relation to LOIP priorities.

#### **Report Completed by:**

**Officer: Chief Inspector Kevin Lammie (supported by David Porte)**

**Date: April 2024**