

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 22nd AUGUST 2024



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Date of last meetings: 21st June 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 26th June 2024.

- 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/nighttime economy with a particular focus on Ayr and Prestwick.
- New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities.
- Street Pastors: Continue to engage with nighttime 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 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. A new tender has been sent requesting companies to bid for new contract. Bids have been collated, and decision will be available for next update.

- 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.

Safer Communities JAG

Last Safer Communities JAG meeting took place Monday 12th August 2024.

- New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing antisocial behaviour in our communities.
- Thriving Communities Senior Community Engagement Officer agreed to co-chair group until permanent replacement is found.
- Targeted summer action plans and additional patrols have taken place in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour throughout South Ayrshire in partnership with Police Scotland. This has led to a reduction in complaint from these areas. Complaint figures will be collated and reported to CSP. Anecdotal reports have suggested a reduction in antisocial behaviour over the summer holiday period. 10 Parent Alert Letters have been sent out as a response to antisocial behaviour encountered. 168 hours of additional police patrols have been funded, with 5 positive stop/searches and 15 offences identified. A large volume of alcohol has also been seized.
- 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. Particular concern has been raised regarding vapes that have high THC content. A Problem-Solving Group has convened to look at restriction of availability, and relaying of positive information on the potential harm and dangers of using vapes with THC content.
- Dog fouling initiatives have taken place in the Wallacetown and Newton 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.
- Re-deployable CCTV groups met in June, and new deployments agreed as follows –
 - James Street, Ayr (ASB / Crime / Environmental)
 - Duke Terrace, Ayr (ASB / Crime / Drug)
 - South Beach Road, Troon (St Meddans toilet block) (ASB)
 - Brewlands Drive, Symington (underage alcohol/vape sales)
 - John Street, Ayr (Tracking)
 - Whitletts Road, Ayr (ASB)
 - Heathfield Road, Ayr (East Rd lights junction) (track)
 - Princes Court, Ayr (Drugs / ASB)
 - Dalblair Road, Ayr (ASB / derelict building)
 - Ferguson Street, Ayr (ASB)

Home, Road & Water Safety JAG

- New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing accidents in our home, on our roads, and on our waterways.
- CSP agreed change of JAG name from Fire, Road & Water Safety to Home, Road & Water Safety to reflect new LOIP priority wording.
- Road Safety input continues to be developed, and further sessions have been delivered at Ayr Academy, Kyle Academy and Belmont 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.

- Partnership information day took place at Troon Beach in relation to National Drowning Awareness Day of 25th July.
- Pan Ayrshire Road Safety Event aimed at upskilling experienced drivers will take place in Largs on Tuesday 20th August.
- S1 Community Safety events / inputs will be rolled out again in the new term. As well at Home, 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.
- Scottish Community Safety Network stress the importance of reducing accidents within the home, and how this links to aging well and tackling social isolation. This is particularly relevant for South Ayrshire, as it has one of the oldest populations in Scotland.

Violence Against Women & Girls JAG

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

- New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities.
- 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.
- '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.
- Planning for this year's 16 days of action campaign has started, and further detail will follow.
- VAWP strategy has been updated onto Pentana performance system and all actions will be updated and reported on to the partnership quarterly.

Inter-generational (IG) JAG

- Intergenerational JAG has been dissolved, and discussions have been had with VASA re administration and monitoring of IG work. Another meeting is planned with wider partnership to gauge where work should sit.

KEY ISSUES

- Increase in youth related antisocial behaviour throughout the locality;
- Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre;
- Concerns regarding high THC content in vapes being used by young people;
- 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.
- New contract award for Taxi Marshals to be agreed and issued.
- Consideration to be given to creation of Water Safety Strategy for SAC.
- Vaping Problem-Solving Group to be convened.
- Off road vehicle Problem-Solving Group to be convened.
- SAC to consider approach and response to new Firework Legislation.
- Increase Water Safety messaging and initiatives, particularly over the summer months, 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.

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