

**STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**



**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**Date of last meeting:**

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

**Safer Places JAG – Previous concerns raised relating to partners not attending the meeting has been resolved. However partners are not forthcoming with requested data or information out with meetings.**

**MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP**

The focus of the SDP for 2023/2024 continues to consolidate and promote the work of the Joint Action Groups (JAG's) and to ensure that they are working collaboratively developing joint work in support of the key priorities of the CSP.

The SDP will continue to focus on plans and initiatives to promote the safety and wellbeing of local communities and visitors to South Ayrshire.

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

**Safer Places**

Litter Removal & Fly Tipping

South Ayrshire Waste Management worked alongside QTS to clear the lane that runs from Lochside to remove litter and fly tipping from down the railway embankments to improve the local area. A total of 3 skips of waste were removed and action has been taken to make the area less accessible to vehicles in an attempt to reduce fly tipping.

National Spring Clean Event

National Spring Clean event took place between the 17th March - 17 April 2023. The partnership worked with volunteer litter pickers and council services to organise events across the authority to remove as much litter as possible. As part of this event the new online form to make it easier for local residents to volunteer was launched.

Partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful & LitterLotto

SAC has partnered with LitterLotto and environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful to help combat the growing issue of litter in our communities. SAC is the first council in Scotland to join forces with the charity and behavioural change app. Those who wish to participate in the initiative will have to download a free app on their smart phone.

The initiative consists of 3 parts. Part 1 has geofenced (virtual geographic boundary) South Ayrshire which means SAC residents who deposit litter are entered into a prose draw with the chance to win £100.

Part 2 will geofence around our two main beaches Ayr and Troon. Local residents who use the litter bins at the beaches will be able to win on the spot prizes which include Scotland Loves Local South Ayrshire gift cards.

Part 3 will be the geofence around all our secondary schools who will be placed on a league table and the highest performing school can win a prize as well as individual pupils winning non cash prizes.

This initiative is to encourage and inspire local residents to place waste in litter bins instead of on the streets and road sides.

### **Reducing Violence**

CCTV – Our links and communication with the operators at McCalls Avenue continue to be strengthened. They currently are in receipt of a “Town Centre” radio. This radio is also carried by JAG partners when Operation Inver is activated. This allows for CCTV support should any incident/concern come to anyone’s attention.

### Operation Inver

Recommendations from Op Inver review continue to be progressed. This includes:-

- Partner reports of weekend activity submitted timeously.
- Cost savings to other services due to the deployment of partners and police throughout the Op Inver times.
- Short test of change involving body worn cameras with our Taxi Marshals

Plans and resources have been discussed, agreed and in place for key events that are scheduled to take place including the Scottish Grand National and the Colours Live Festival in Ayr in April 2023.

### Funding

The Reducing Violence JAG continue to monitor if any funding will be available for 2023/2024. Funding that is received assists in the delivery and positive outcomes of the JAG.

Street Pastors are volunteers and receive no payment for their contribution and deployment when Operation Inver is activated. They are currently scoping out funding opportunities to assist in purchasing the materials that they offer to vulnerable individuals that they support when deployed. This includes such things as foil blankets, flip flops.

### **Intergenerational JAG**

#### Recent Survey & Review

Due to the JAG not being as active throughout COVID a survey has been undertaken to establish what current and past intergenerational work has been distributed through the Community Planning Board, the South Ayrshire Council weekly news, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire mailing list. The closing date for the survey was the 31<sup>st</sup> March. This information gathered will be used as a baseline for the current work going forward and will highlight any help and support required to partners who want to plan/re-establish work going forward. It will also highlight training needs which the JAG can look to address.

#### Purchase of Equipment

The Thriving Communities Health and Wellbeing Team have purchased 3 kits of equipment that can be used to facilitate intergeneration exercise sessions between young sports leaders and older people with mobility issues. The kits will be available for all JAG members to use when delivering such activities.

#### Membership

We have new members of the JAG identified from the Thriving Communities Health and Wellbeing Team and Health Promotion from NHS- Ayrshire and Arran.

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

#### Reckless Driving Wrecks Lives

RDWL was delivered in February. Approximately 900 young people (S5 & S6) attended the event that took place at the Odeon Cinema, Ayr. The event is planned by SAC Thriving Communities supported by key partners including SFRS, SAS, Police Scotland and NHS. The key aim of the event is to get young people to

think about their behaviour when driving or within a car. This includes speeding, driving whilst under the influence of substances, using mobile phones and peer influence from passengers within. As part of the event they are given a greater understanding of the consequences of such behaviours.

#### Safer Shores & Water Safety

Safer Shores 2023 is a multi - agency plan involving key partners including Police Scotland, British Transport Police, SAS, SFRS, South Ayrshire Council, RNLI and the Coastguard as well as Ayrshire Civil Contingencies. The partnerships key aim is to safeguard members of the public including visitors who travel to South Ayrshire to enjoy the beaches throughout the summer season. This includes the safe travel of those persons and has a focus on positive engagement reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour and criminality. Planning meetings for this year's summer season have taken place with members who are all sighted, briefed and ready to deploy when required.

#### Drowning Prevention Week

This year's DPW is due to take place between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Initial talks have commenced re activities that are planned to support the key messaging around raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safety. This will include inputs to young people within schools and key messaging across social media platforms.

#### **Violence Against Women**

The group are currently planning the key partnership activity to support key events throughout this year including the White Ribbon Campaign and 16 Days of Action. They are also exploring further opportunities to deliver seminars raising awareness around domestic abuse as well as supporting and promoting other key national campaigns.

Progress from JAG includes:-

Following on from the positive support from "All Warriors Gym" and their involvement in the Reclaim the Night Walk, the group has decided to bring the gym on board to assist with promoting ongoing work and to raise awareness in the local community. The gym is an all-female gym and is registered as a 'Safe Space'. This ties in with our next initiative to promote safe spaces in South Ayrshire. A meeting between members of the JAG and the gym took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> February to develop this work and "All Warriors Gym" have been supporting and visiting local women's groups.

Safe Spaces – on the run up to International Women's Day the JAG highlighted and promoted through social media the campaign called 'UK SAYS NO MORE' who identify local safe spaces in communities. Every Boots and Morrisons stores are registered as safe spaces on their website.

#### Moving On – Supporting survivors of sexual abuse

Moving On Ayrshire is a local counselling service for survivors of sexual crime. They have created a video resource which was used during the 16 days of action campaign

In partnership with Moving On, Thriving Communities and schools based campus police officers discussions are ongoing to use the resource, along with a lesson plan that has been created to deliver it within secondary schools across South Ayrshire. Community Safety and Campus Police will meet to organise the delivery of the resource.

Hysteria – Ayr North Time Team in partnership with the IRIS performed a play during the 16 days to raise awareness of the persecution of women through the ages, with a focus on witchcraft and the trials in Ayr.

Following positive feedback the group performed again within a community setting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to highlight the issue for International Women's Day. The group have also been working with the IRIS to turn the play into an educational video resource that can be shared with communities and schools to generate discussion around gender-based violence.

**KEY ISSUES**

Solely for noting:-

Safer Places JAG – Partners of the JAG are reluctant to provide information and data out with the meeting. This will be addressed and discussed at the next JAG meeting in an effort to resolve this.

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

Police Scotland continues to have dedicated wellbeing officers who identify, engage and support local individuals and families who have been identified as vulnerable or at risk in an effort to improve the outcomes of those individuals. This work is delivered in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, SFRS and other third sector organisations. It continues to have a particular focus on individuals and families living in Wallacetown.

**Report Completed by:**

**Officer: Chief Inspector Kevin Lammie**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**