



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

Friday 11 January 2019 10.00 am - 12 noon

Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine.

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Ref	Officer
1.	Apologies and introductions		JM
2.	Minutes of last meeting Review minute of meeting held on 18 September 2018	Doc enclosed	JM
3.	Matters arising Deal with any matters arising	Verbal	JB / CC
4.	VRU and Local Navigators Receive presentation from Keith Jack, Team Lead Navigator for Scottish Violence Reduction Unit on the VRU and Local Navigators	Presentation	KJ
5.	Community Safety Strategy Planning session on the draft Community Safety Strategy	Discussion	JB
6.	Update from working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention First • Gender Based Violence Working Group 	Verbal	JB/CC
7.	Partners updates Partners discuss key areas of work and opportunities for partnership support	Verbal	ALL
8.	Community Planning and Locality Planning Update Receive update	Verbal	JG
9.	AOCB and Next Meeting – TBC		JM

Safer North Ayrshire Partnership Steering Group

Friday 7 September 2018

Irvine and Kilwinning Committee Room, Cunninghame House

Present

North Ayrshire Council

Cllr Jim Montgomerie – Chair

Cllr Anthea Dickson – Elected Member

Janeine Barrett - Senior Manager, Homelessness and Community Safety

David MacRitchie – Senior Manager, Criminal Justice Services

Scott McKenzie – Senior Manager, Protective Services

Mark Inglis - Senior Manager, Intervention Services

Sue MacLeod - Educational Psychologist

Police Scotland

CI Brian Shaw (Chair)

Sgt Tony Harkin - Local Authority Liaison Officer

Scottish Fire and Rescue Services

Kevin Hughes – Station Manager

Community Justice Ayrshire

Alice Dillon – Manager

Third Sector Interface

Kayleigh Brown - Operations Manager

Edinburgh City Council

Rania Hamad – Senior Practitioner, Hate Crime & Restorative Justice

Apologies for Absence

Barbara Hastings – TACT Chief Executive Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the group. Apologies were noted. It was noted that going forward Cllr Montgomerie will be Chair and CI Brian Shaw will be Vice Chair.

2. Matters Arising

JG advised the group that Kevin Paterson from the Coastguard will come along to the next meeting in December.

3. Restorative Justice

Alice Dillon explained to the group that restorative justice is part of the Scottish Government's new programme for government, and highlighted that looking at a restorative justice model for North Ayrshire would give us a 'starter for ten' in how to take this work forward.

Rania Hamad, Senior Practitioner for Hate Crime and Restorative Justice at Edinburgh City Council, started the session by providing an overview of the drivers for change nationally, including the Victims and Witnesses Scotland Act, Community Justice Scotland Act and the introduction of Community Safety Partnerships.

Rania highlighted that restorative justice is about meeting the needs of victims, whilst supporting the reintegration of offenders, and that the landscape is different in England, where the restorative justice model is more embedded and widespread. Restorative justice exists to support a constructive dialogue between victim and offender after an alleged offence and ideally involves both the victim and offender as well as the community. It can be delivered via a face to face conference and by letter, however face to face conferences are the only method currently being used in Edinburgh at the moment where the approach is still very new. More information on restorative justice in Scotland can be found at http://www.restorativejusticescotland.org.uk/html/restorative_justice_processes.html

Locally, Edinburgh created the senior practitioner post for restorative justice and hate crime in order to develop Edinburgh as a 'Restorative City'. Family and support workers also have restorative approaches within their remit. Currently, only hate crime and not crimes like domestic abuse are covered by RJ interventions in Edinburgh, but there are plans to expand. Rania noted that starting with one type of offence initially before looking to expand the approach has worked well in Edinburgh so far.

Benefits of restorative justice include a high satisfaction rate for victims, reduction in PTSD symptoms and the possibility of reducing re-offending and victim retaliation. However, Rania highlighted that there is currently a gap in research around restorative justice in Scotland.

There then followed a discussion around restorative justice approaches. JM asked whether it could eventually have an impact on sentencing, as it does in Northern Ireland. Rania highlighted that further guidance is now available via the Scottish Government and that the new programme for government requires each authority to publish a Restorative Justice Action Plan by spring 2019.

BS asked about the scale of hate crime in Edinburgh is compared to a smaller authority like North Ayrshire- there were around 1,000 incidents of hate crime in Edinburgh last year so an approach in North Ayrshire would need to be significantly scaled down.

There followed a discussion around the appetite for restorative approaches for young people. AD highlighted that there were some positive outcomes from restorative work carried out previously in North Ayrshire schools. KH updated the group that he has attended restorative training regarding fire related incidents.

MI highlighted that restorative approaches could be useful regarding young people displaying sexual behaviour, with links being made to family group conferencing.

Sue MacLeod, Educational Psychologist, attended the meeting to provide an overview of restorative approaches in North Ayrshire schools.

- All schools in the area have had restorative training at the first level to enable restorative meetings to take place.
- Rather than being focused on victim or offender, these meetings are focused on the person causing harm at school and do not deal with criminal offences.
- In addition the anti-bullying policy contains restorative approaches.
- 50% of campus cops are also now trained in restorative approaches.

Discussion then followed around restorative approaches currently in place across North Ayrshire. JB asked about the cost of restorative approaches training for schools. Sue highlighted that the training is offered internally and is based on restorative practice.

It was highlighted that anti-social behaviour officers could be trained in these approaches as another layer of early intervention. The cost of the original training was about £500-600 per person, however this was then recreated in a school setting and the training was passed on more widely. Training is also available via Sacro.

Looking forward, there was agreement across the group that there is an appetite locally for the implementation of restorative approaches. Queries were raised however about capacity across North Ayrshire to support implementation and it was agreed that the SNAP should keep a watching brief on any guidance released from the Scottish Government.

It was agreed that JB and MI will meet to discuss potential options for moving forward with this agenda in North Ayrshire around anti-social behaviour and youth justice.

BS raised some questions around data and information sharing guidelines in relation to restorative approaches and it was agreed that he would follow up with Rose Johnston to clarify this.

4. Update from Working Groups

Prevention First

BS gave an update on the Prevention First working group activities.

- He advised that certain young people and some adult protection cases within localities have been identified by locality policing teams for closer observation. They are also looking at repeat locations to resolve any issues and build relationships.
- BS also highlighted that anti-shoplifting campaigns have taken place within schools- shoplifting has risen nationally but has decreased in North Ayrshire by about 25%.
- Work is underway to reduce speeding in some areas- for example Police are working with the NAC Roads Team and a national speeding campaign starts on 17th September for a week. JM raised an issue with parking in Ardrossan- vehicles are parking on the street despite a bay being available. BS agreed to follow up on this.

- There has previously been anti-social behaviour recorded at Ardeer Rec, however there have been no calls regarding this for 8 weeks. This could be in part due to the introduction of Campus Cops as well as CCTV installation. Engagement is also being carried out with the owners of the former Seafield School site in Ardrossan to prevent anti-social behaviour and ensure the building is secure.
- CCTV is now moving to be delivered in house and current camera provision and placement is being reviewed.
- Largs Promenade has seen some disorder from young people recently. Work is being carried out alongside NAC Youth Services to resolve this.
- There have been some issues around outings of registered sex offenders which has resulted in the requirement to re-house them. This has resulted in high levels of moves which has an effect on Housing Services resources. MI highlighted that the rate of sexual offenses amongst young people are increasing and training is being developed for teaching staff and police in order to increase awareness of the pathways into sexual offending.
- Work is also underway to reduce scrap metal theft including targeting recycling centres.
- Joint work is also underway across the CPP partners around preventable deaths. There has been an increased rate of youth suicide over the past 12 months. Partners are mobilising as quickly as possible to look at preventative approaches and put support mechanisms in place for those affected.

Gender Based Violence

JB highlighted that the North Ayrshire Violence against Women Partnership has received national recognition. Strategic priorities have been reviewed. They are fit for purpose and align with the Equally Safe agenda and national monitoring framework. The group are now looking to gather evidence of activity across the partnership to report at a national level.

TH reported that North Ayrshire is looking to build on 16 Days of Action in order to deliver this work across the year and that supermarkets and businesses are being encouraged to sign the pledge. Activity includes a screening of the film *Suffragette* at the Harbour Arts Centre on 25th November as well as a reclaim the night march on 6th December. To link in with year of young people a session will also be held for senior pupils at Greenwood Academy focusing on domestic violence. Cllr Dickson also highlighted the work of Young Voices at Women's Aid.

5. Partner Updates

Mark Inglis- Intervention

MI advised that there has been a 76% reduction in youth offending over the past 5 years. In addition there has also been a reduction in the number of individuals affected by domestic violence. This could reflect the preventative work taking place across North Ayrshire.

It was agreed that MI would send JB a paragraph on this for inclusion in the ASB Strategy.

Scott McKenzie - Protective Services

SM updated on the work taking place across Protective Services with regards to call blocking:

- 126 call blocking units have been installed across the authority. Phone call blocking results showed there was an average of 47 calls per unit in North Ayrshire against an average nationally of 18. The service have invested in miniature cameras to identify offenders and will be updating Adult Support and Protection Committee on this.
- It was agreed that SM would circulate the more detailed data across the SNAP.

Kevin Hughes- Scottish Fire and Rescue

KH advised gave an overview of recent SFRS work across North Ayrshire.

- SFRS have also been involved in the work taking place at Ardeer and Seafield.
- MAPPA engagement with families and individuals regarding fire related threats.
- KH reported that deliberate fires have gone over target at 246 in Q1. In terms of accidental dwelling fires there were 7 casualties and no fatalities in Q1.
- SFRS have also seen an increase in fire related calls.
- There is a new community action officer starting and fireworks preparation is also beginning.

Discussion followed around how links could be made across the partnership around fireworks preparedness in advance of Halloween and Guy Fawkes. It was agreed that BS would arrange a Prevention First meeting with all key officers to discuss plans. JB updated that Streetscene are organising increased uplifts around these periods to decrease fire risk.

Alice Dillon – Community Justice

AD updated briefly on Community Justice Ayrshire developments:

- Funding has now been secured up to 2020.
- Turning Point currently provide throughcare at HMP Kilmarnock but are due to finish this year. AD highlighted that there is a risk that there will be no access to throughcare after this point. A paper will go to the CJA Board on this and work is being done to ensure a suitable replacement or solution is developed.
- JB agreed to send a summary paper on partnership arrangements to AD in order to make further links.

6. Community and Locality Planning Update

JG advised the group that the 2018 Locality Planning Conference is taking place on 15 September at Saltcoats Town Hall and encouraged the group to attend and share with relevant locality planning partners.

7. AOCB and Next Meeting – 14 December 10am

Mary Beglan at Women’s Aid is looking for space for a Community Hub which will focus on providing support to women suffering from domestic abuse.

The group discussed possible solutions. BS agreed to check if it would be possible to use the old police station in Kilwinning.

It was agreed that the next meeting will focus on action planning for the ASB Strategy and will take place on 14 December 2018.

JB advised that they are in the process of going out to procurement for the taxi warden service, it was however recognised that the approach taken last year utilising additional Policing in key areas had a wider community impact by reducing crime as well as reducing the risk of crime and ASB at taxi ranks. It was agreed that should we be unable to procure the wardens service, increased policing would be a suitable replacement.

Action log

	Action	Officer
1	JB and MI to meet to discuss restorative justice approaches in NA.	JB & MI
2	BS to follow up with Rose Johnston around data and info sharing in relation to restorative justice.	BS
3	BS to follow up on van parking issue in Ardrossan.	BS
4	BS to check about Women's Aid using the old police station in Kilwinning for a Community Hub.	BS
5	Arrange a Prevention First meeting to discuss preventative plans around firework and bonfire night safety.	BS
6	Circulate call blocking data to SNAP.	SM
7	MI to send JB a paragraph on intervention services for inclusion in the ASB Strategy.	MI
8	JB to send summary paper on partnership arrangement to AD.	JB



North Ayrshire Council – Homelessness & Community Safety Division

Brief for Community Safety & Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

Purpose of the project

The purpose of this work is to develop a Community Safety Strategy which incorporates the North Ayrshire Council Violence Against Women Strategy and the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, in addition to wider community safety priorities. The Strategy will cover the period 2019-2024 for North Ayrshire.

The Community Safety Strategy 2019-24 will be developed on behalf of North Ayrshire Safer North Ayrshire Partnership (commonly known as SNAP) and will assist the partnership in achieving their objectives.

The priority actions and outcomes delivered by SNAP will contribute, over the next five years, to the Community Planning Partnership's delivery of the Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) to create a better life for local people, focussing on creating a safe and secure North Ayrshire.

The Community Safety Strategy 2019 - 2024 is an overarching document which provides a framework to enhance community safety by co-ordinating our partner activities to promote safety in our homes, and on our streets, and to tackle the fear and cause of crime.

Background information

A review of the current Violence Against Women Strategy and the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy both 2015-2018, determined that in the main they are still fit for purpose and the strategy outcomes identified within these documents are still fit for purpose.

During 2017, a review was undertaken of the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership which resulted in a restructure of the framework and agreement by the Community Planning Partnership to extend the strategic focus to include the wider Community Safety agenda. The Community Safety and ASB Strategy focuses upon the following five themes:-

- **Anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder**
- **Gender Based Violence & Domestic Abuse**
- **Accidental harm**
- **Public Protection & Safety**
- **Road Safety**

This piece of work is being commissioned in order to develop one strategy which incorporates the strategies detailed above, in addition to the wider Community Safety priorities.

Project Expectation

Deliver a Community Safety & ASB Strategy 2019-2024 by February 2019. Development will include:-

- Consultation with stakeholders
- Review of national and local context, including available documents and strategies
- Equality and diversity
- Statistical analysis
- Development of strategic outcomes aligned to the strategic themes
- Detailing the planning framework and how partners work together
- The monitoring and governance framework
- Development of an action plan

Project Outline and contents proposal

Layout

Below is a draft format only:

- 1. Contents**
- 2. Foreword**
- 3. Introduction**
 - Intro
 - What is Community Safety?
 - National Context
 - Local Context
 - Aims of the strategy
 - Consultation
 - Community Safety in North Ayrshire
 - Equal opportunities

4. Policy Context

- National performance framework
- Promoting Positive Outcomes
- Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- Safer North Ayrshire Partnership
- Profile of North Ayrshire

5. Gender Based Violence & Domestic Abuses

- Context
- Priorities
- Partnership working
- Relevant initiatives
- National Assessment Framework

6. Accidental Harm

- Context
- Priorities
- Partnership response
- Relevant initiatives

7. Antisocial behaviour

- Context
- Priorities
- Partnership working

Pillar 1 - Prevention

- North Ayrshire Council response
- Police Scotland response
- Other partner response
- Relevant initiatives

Pillar 2 - Integration

- North Ayrshire Council response
- Police Scotland response
- Other partner response
- Relevant initiatives

Pillar 3 - Engagement

- North Ayrshire Council response
- Police Scotland response
- Other partner response
- Relevant initiatives

Pillar 4 - Communication

- North Ayrshire Council response
- Police Scotland response
- Other partner response
- Relevant initiatives

8. Public Protection and Safety

- Context
- Priorities
- Partnership response
- Relevant initiatives

9. Road Safety

- Context
- Priorities
- Partnership response
- Relevant initiatives

10. Action Plans

11. Monitoring & Evaluation

12. Appendices

This is a draft layout, and will be subject to some changes.

Design

The drafted strategy will be in electronic format to allow the agreed designer to transfer text.

Meetings/Key Staff

The consultant will meet initially with the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership, with additional meeting scheduled with the Violence Against Women Partnership and the Prevention First Group.

The consultant will speak weekly with the Senior Manager Homelessness and Community Safety and meet monthly with the Senior Manager Homelessness and Community Safety and where appropriate the Chief Inspector from Police Scotland and the Elected Member who chairs the SNAP.

Consultation

We wish to seek the views of key stakeholders and partners across the Community Planning Partnership.

As part of the strategy development, two consultation events should be arranged as follows:

1st consultation event to be held in November 18. This should inform the priorities and approve the framework.

2nd consultation event to be held in January 19. (this should be around presenting the final draft of the strategy and asking for feedback)

Further discussions to take place in arranging this event.

Information taken from both events should be used to inform the strategy.

Communication will also be required with a number of organisations providing services in North Ayrshire dealing with all aspects of Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour. This is to ensure accurate descriptions of these services are provided within the strategy.

Presentation and Reports

A schedule of work will be agreed and a draft report supported by a presentation, aligned to the SOW will be delivered by the consultant on a monthly basis.

The consultant will deliver a presentation to the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership on December 15th 2018, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss progress to date, provide the outcome of the initial consultation and agree the final theme's/priorities and open up discussion in order to clarify any arising issues.

The Strategy will need to go out for consultation during February 2019.

Outputs

The successful contractor will be responsible for:-

1. Gathering information for each section of the strategy
2. Preparing a draft of each section of the strategy for comment
3. Attending monthly meetings with the main contact
4. Encompassing any feedback into the final draft of the strategy
5. Facilitating 2 consultation events to be held to inform the strategy
6. Proof reading drafts
7. Presentation of the final draft to SNAP

The final report will be a completed strategy presented both electronically and in paper format (10 copies thereof)

In addition, a paper should be prepared to present to the Council's elected members detailing the background, methodology and Strategic outcomes.

Project Management & Liaison Arrangements

The progress of the report will be overseen by members of SNAP.

The lead contact is Janeine Barrett, Senior Manager Homelessness and Community Safety, North Ayrshire Council. She will be responsible for monitoring progress and giving direction. The contractor is expected to keep her fully informed at all stages of the strategy development and provision should be made within the costing for at least 1 meeting per month to discuss progress.

Timetable

Each section of the report should be drafted and sent to Janeine Barrett for comments. Any comments will be passed back to the consultant for inclusion in the strategy. The consultant should allow 2 weeks for feedback in each section.

The final draft of the strategy should be available by 1 February 2019. This will then be passed to various partners for consultation.

The Council requires the finalised report, after consultation with wider partners by 1 March 2019 at the latest.

Consultants are invited to comment on the feasibility of achieving this and to provide and outline a timetable. Drafts should be made available on request to allow progress to be made in designing the final strategy.

Project Management

Janeine Barrett, Senior Manager, Homeless and Community Safety Services will oversee the progress of the initiative on behalf of the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership.

Timetable

The Safer North Ayrshire Partnership requires quotations to be submitted by Wednesday, 31st October 2018 via e-mail to Andrea Elliott, Team Manager, Homelessness & Community Safety (andreaelliott@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) with a proposed start date of 5th November 2018.