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Subject: Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership 2023-24 Activity Update

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Inverclyde Alliance Board on the progress of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Inverclyde with an update on activity in 2023-24 and to advise on 2025 as detailed in the action plan.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Community Safety Strategy 'Keeping Inverclyde Safe Together' 2023-26 was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023.
- 2.2 An annual report has been produced to provide an update on the key partnership activity during 2023-24. This is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Community Safety Partnership has conducted a review of the 2023-24 activity and prepared an updated action plan for 2024-25 which is also presented within the annual report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- a. Notes the activity of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership through the attached annual report, and action plan for 2025.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 During 2022 a strategic needs assessment was undertaken to identify the community safety priorities within Inverclyde for the development of a new partnership strategy. The new strategy was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023.

4.2 The strategy 'Keeping Inverclyde Safe Together' identified four priority outcomes for the Partnership during the period 2023/26:

- Priority Outcome 1- There is a reduction in the level of violence and antisocial behaviour within our communities;
- Priority Outcome 2 - There is a reduction in the number of serious accidents at home and on our roads;
- Priority Outcome 3 - Communities in Inverclyde feel safe and are protected, particularly those most at risk; and
- Priority Outcome 4 - Strong and effective joint working arrangements across the community planning partnership are developed to promote a holistic approach to community safety.

The Community Safety Partnership developed an action plan to deliver these outcomes. Improvement actions are aimed at violence reduction, improving fire safety, tackling antisocial behaviour, improving road safety, and the promotion of local and national initiatives that focus on crime prevention and increasing safety.

5.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 23-24

5.1 The Community Safety Partnership has produced an annual report, provided in Appendix 1, to present some key partnership activity during 2023-24 and set out the proposed partnership actions for the period 2024-25.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal: none at present
Finance: none at present
Human Resources: none at present
Equality and Diversity: none at present
Alliance Partnership Plan: The report has particular relevance for Theme 4: A Supportive Place.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board Meeting 19 June 2023 – Agenda Item No.6

Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership

2023-24 Annual Activity Report and 2025 Action Plan



Introduction

Over time, the definition of community safety has evolved to encompass a wider range of concerns. While originally centred on preventing and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, it now includes all factors that contribute to people feeling safe and secure, whether at home, work, or in public spaces. This expanded definition includes issues such as gender-based violence, community justice, public perception of safety, and home and fire safety, among others.

Community safety, as an objective, does not exist in isolation. Instead, it is interlinked with other elements such as Community Planning and Best Value. It is widely acknowledged that community safety is intertwined with broader efforts to empower and strengthen communities, and that social, economic, and physical factors all impact safety.

Inverclyde Community Safety Partnerships strategic approach focuses on collaboration between relevant agencies to address shared priorities and take targeted action. This plan emphasises the importance of working closely with communities to achieve shared safety goals at the local level in Inverclyde.

This report details activities in the past year and outlines our strategic direction for the future. Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership, governed by Inverclyde Alliance, is committed to working collaboratively, learning from past experiences, and using evidence-based approaches to ensure our communities remain, and feel, safe.

Local Strategy

Our Community Safety Strategy '**Keeping Inverclyde Safe Together**' has identified four priority outcomes for the Partnership during the period 2023/26:

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This strategy was based on a strategic needs assessment carried out in 2022 which identified a range of high-level data indicators for community safety in Inverclyde.

Inverclyde Data and Needs Assessment

Improving community safety is a key priority within the 2023-33 Partnership Plan for Inverclyde Alliance. Inverclyde Alliance firmly believes that a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach is essential for supporting people and tackling inequalities around community safety.

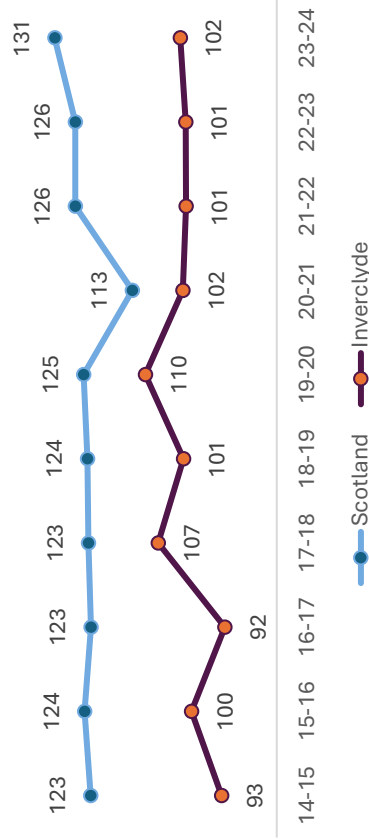
The following Partnership Plan outcomes are relevant to this strategy:

- Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them;
- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced;
- Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently;
- We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery; and
- Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm

Local Data – Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Figures published by Police Scotland¹ show the rate of non-sexual crimes of violence has remained at a static level of just over 100 per 10,000 population for the past four years, although this rate remains concerning it consistently remains well below the national average.

Figure 1. Non-sexual crimes of violence rate per 10,000 population



There are clear links between violent crime and weapons possession and figures 2 and 3 below show that the rate of these offences in Inverclyde has shown a long-term upward trend similar to the national picture, although there have been some more encouraging indications, up to 2022-23, of a decrease from the ten-year high in the ‘not used’ figure from 2019-20.

Figure 2. Weapons possession (not used) offence rate per 10,000 population

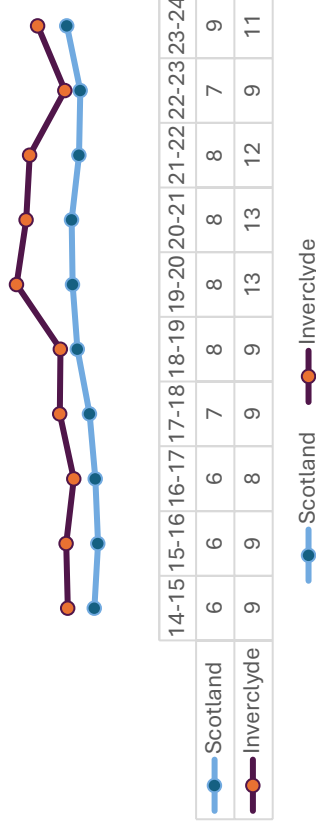
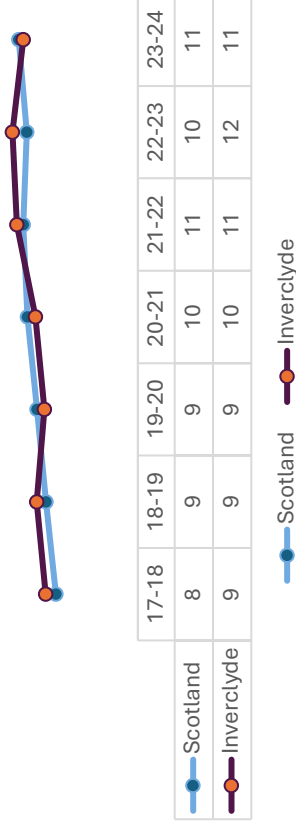


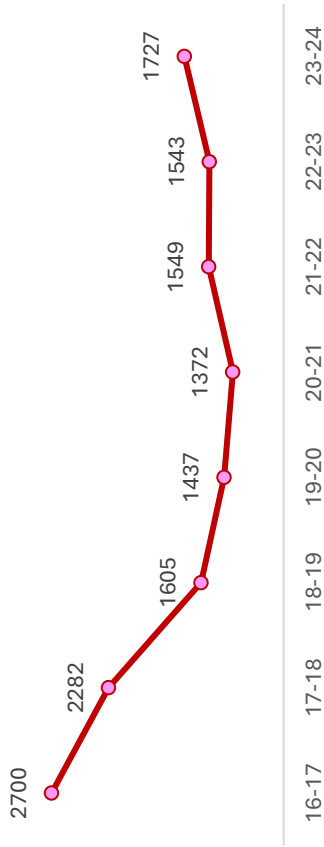
Figure 3. Weapons possession (used) offence rate per 10,000 population



Antisocial behaviour incidents reported to Inverclyde Council have started to rise post-Covid, however they are still significantly below the 2016-17 levels.

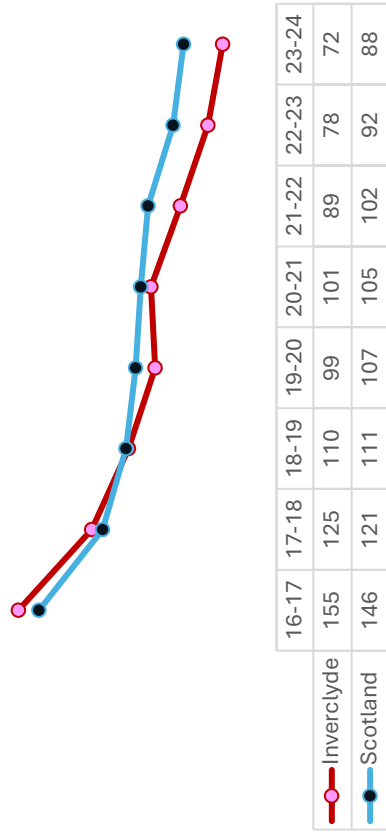
¹ Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2023-24 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

Figure 4. ASB incidents reported to Inverclyde Council



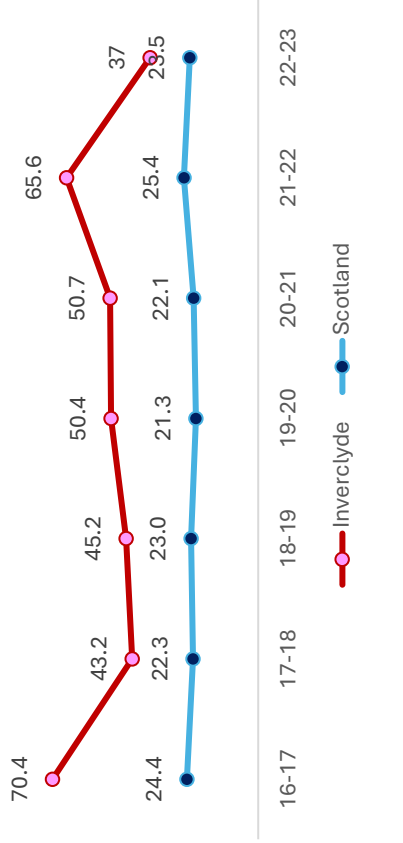
Antisocial offences recorded by Police Scotland have been on a long-term downward trend and shows similarity to the national trend.

Figure 5. Antisocial offences per 10K population



Deliberate secondary fires rate dropped significantly between 21-22 and 22-23.

Figure 6. Deliberate secondary fires rate per 10K population



Local Data – Unintentional Injuries

Figure 7. Fire casualties per 1000 accidental fires

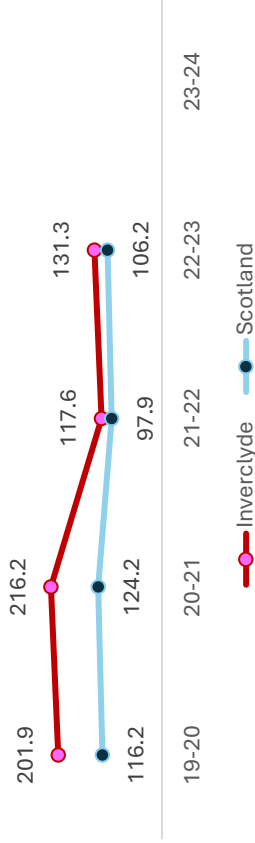
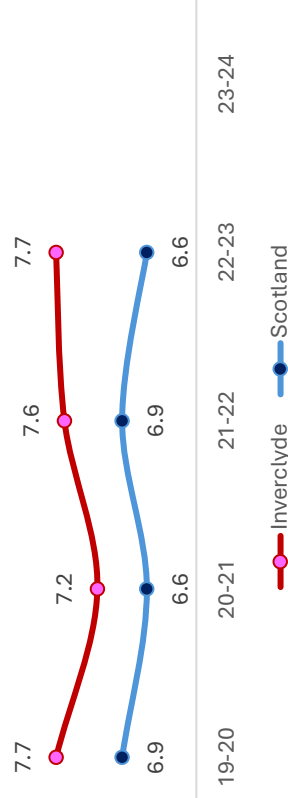


Figure 8. Emergency hospital admissions because of falls – rate per 1,000 population



Inverclyde Partnership Working

During 2023-24 community safety partnership initiatives and activities continued to contribute towards our vision that ‘Inverclyde continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit, where everyone works together to support our people, particularly those who are more at risk’.

Inverclyde Partnership Hub

Community safety partnership hubs are collaborative meetings designed to address anti-social behaviour and welfare concerns within local authority areas. These virtual groups enhance information sharing between Police Scotland, external agencies, and third-sector organisations. The Hub uses a trauma-informed, person-centred approach that prevents, reduces and responds to risk taking behaviour and crime, and the impact of related harm, in relation to local vulnerable individuals and communities.

Community hubs facilitate the exchange of information among relevant stakeholders, promoting collaborative efforts to address community issues. They also assist individuals in need by signposting them to appropriate support services and work with partners to address and reduce anti-social behaviour incidents. Additionally, community hubs

engage with local authorities to address youth-related issues and collaborate with Registered Social Landlords to address tenant-related concerns. The Inverclyde community hub has been operating in a variety of forms for a number of years but continues to develop and align to emerging community and partner needs.

Hub partners undertook joint training between Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), Police Scotland, and Inverclyde Council Community Wardens on specific antisocial behaviour (ASB) topics, such as ‘cuckooing’. This training has enhanced knowledge among RSLs and their customers, enabling them to better identify potential instances of this practice in their communities and connect with partners for appropriate responses.

Additionally, a recent focus group involving RSLs and other partners was organised to share experiences related to tackling ASB, discuss barriers, and outline actions taken to achieve resolutions. This initiative was well received and is now planned to be held annually.

River Clyde Homes (RCH) has continued to allocate a budget for additional warden patrols in identified “hot spot” areas. By sharing intelligence with RCH, these efforts have led to positive outcomes for RCH customers, contributing to a safer community.

The case study below details the successful eviction of a tenant engaged in persistent antisocial behaviour (ASB) and drug dealing activities in Greenock. The tenant's actions had a significant negative impact on the surrounding community, leading to fear and discomfort among residents.

Case Study: Rapid Eviction of Drug Dealer in Greenock

Background:

A tenant at a property in Greenock exhibited problematic behaviour shortly after moving in, including persistent antisocial behaviour (ASB), drug dealing, and connections to other criminal activities. The tenant's actions created a hostile environment, leading some residents to relocate due to the ongoing disturbances and safety concerns.

Response and Intervention:

In response to the situation, RCH (River Clyde Homes) collaborated with Police Scotland and Inverclyde Community Wardens to address the issues swiftly. They utilised a dedicated partnership hub to share intelligence and coordinate their actions. Key steps included:

- Intelligence Gathering: Evidence of the tenant's illegal activities was collected, including witness statements and physical evidence;
- Legal Proceedings: With sufficient evidence, RCH initiated legal proceedings to evict the tenant; and
- Community Support: RCH offered support to affected residents, including counselling and relocation assistance as needed.

Outcome:

Thanks to effective partnership collaboration and efficient intelligence sharing, RCH obtained a decree from Greenock Sheriff Court to recover the tenancy within six months of the tenant's move-in. This rapid eviction showcased the success of the coordinated approach among all parties involved.

Lessons Learned:

- Early Intervention: Taking prompt action is vital in addressing ASB and illegal activities;
- Partnership Collaboration: Strong relationships among housing providers, police, and community organisations are key to achieving effective outcomes;
- Intelligence Sharing: Sharing information enhances response times and effectiveness; and
- Community Support: Supporting affected residents helps rebuild trust in the community and shows a commitment to their wellbeing.

The successful eviction highlights the importance of a coordinated and proactive approach to tackling ASB and illegal activities, ultimately leading to a safer living environment for residents.

Other successful examples of early and effective partnership interventions through the hub include the identification and disruption of a cannabis cultivation operation, as well as quickly relocating a vulnerable resident who was being 'cuckooed'. to a new tenancy where they are now safe and thriving.

In September 2023 the Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Siobhain Brown MSP, visited Greenock Police Office to meet with a range of partners who participate in the meetings and learn about the strands of multi-agency work that have developed from, and within, this partnership space.



Community Safety Minister
[@Siobhianayr](#) visited Greenock Police Station to learn about the Inverclyde multi-agency hub, which is working with partners to tackle antisocial behaviour & divert vulnerable young people from offending through early intervention.



The Minister heard about the varied issues that the hub meetings have assisted in tackling including early identification of vulnerable people for referral into support services, coordinating multi-agency response to community antisocial behaviour, sharing relevant intelligence, joint risk assessment, and collaboratively tackling emerging criminal activities such as cuckooing and County Lines.

Several case studies were discussed including examples of individuals the police identified from non-fatal overdose incidents and referred into Alcohol & Drugs Recovery Services (ADRS) for support via the partnership hub contacts within very short timescales due to the established relationships and information exchange processes in place.

Inverclyde Fire Skills Course

A group of young people enjoyed a week learning new skills alongside firefighters at Port Glasgow Community Fire Station.

Inverclyde Council partnered with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) to deliver a 5-day Fire Skills Course in Port Glasgow during March 2024, with nine young people participating in the program. The course focused on developing essential life skills, including safety, discipline, respect, CPR, communication, and teamwork. Inputs from Police Scotland also formed part of the course.

Participants received a Fire Skills certificate upon completion. Following the course, attendees received support from CLD youth work service to develop their CVs and link their experience to the Dynamic Youth Award. Successful completion of this award could pave the way for achieving a Bronze Youth Achievement Award in their senior year.

An evaluation found the course yielded positive personal results. Nearly all participants reported improvements in decision-making

regarding risky behaviour, skill acquisition, self-respect and respect for others, participation confidence, teamwork abilities, and positive relationship building. Parents of participants also indicated a real sense of pride and accomplishment in their children.

Figure 9. Fire Skills participants with SFRS Area Commander David McCarrey, Council Leader Stephen McCabe, and Councillor Sandra Reynolds



“It has been nice to get positive feedback from something has done, this doesn't really happen”

“I feel like this course helped me with behaviour, I have never behaved so well in school.”

“It was a good opportunity, I think I might want to join the Fire Service after this.”

“ really enjoyed his experiences. Thank you to you all for your time and dedication 😊.”

Police Scotland Preventions & Interventions Team

During 2023-24 Police Scotland set up a new 'Preventions & Interventions' team to operate within K Division, which covers both Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. It is a small team who aim to deliver partnership prevention work across the local authority areas, reaching out with a range of inputs including hate crime, missing persons, fire safety, young drivers, weapons, antisocial behaviour, internet safety, sexual consent, and scams. The team delivers to a diverse range of people within a variety of settings such as care homes, schools, and community groups, and will often collaborate with other partners on joint inputs such as Scottish Fire and Rescue.

A sample of some comments from the young people involved and their parents is provided below:



The Preventions & Interventions Team have been out and about within schools this week delivering inputs on Internet Safety and Hate Crime. This generated some really interesting discussions. Thanks to all pupils who attended and to all staff for their assistance and engagement.



The team also began to roll out the Partnership Intelligence Portal (PIP). The PIP will allow organisations like schools and care homes to easily submit information using a simple online form to Police Scotland that can help build up a picture that ultimately prevents threat, risk, and harm to vulnerable people.

Side Step Project

Action For Children has introduced its Side Step project to Inverclyde as a new early intervention measure in preventing exploitation of young people by individuals involved in Serious Organised Crime (SOC). The charity will work with the local Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Education Services to deliver a resource to the whole family of those young people most at risk in our communities.



Side Step supports young people 11-18 years who are being coerced or manipulated into criminal exploitation. The service provides 1:1 and group sessions delivering interventional work to promote positive choices and consequential thinking. Staff identify the young people's needs and interests and create an individual action plan to ensure they provide intensive support, offering diversionary activities and EET opportunities. The project will also work alongside the family to address vulnerabilities and strengthen family relationships to help reduce their criminal activity.

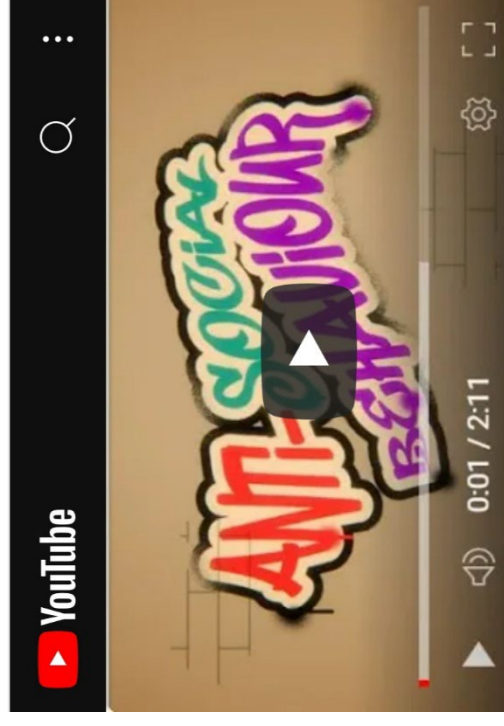
Inverclyde Missing Persons Protocol

Inverclyde Community Safety partners contributed to a National Missing Persons Framework Implementation Project this year with the charity organisation Missing People supporting Inverclyde in the review and launch of a refreshed missing persons protocol which standardises procedures designed to streamline the process of reporting, investigating, and locating missing individuals.

National Youth Work Week

In November 2023 community safety partners joined Inverclyde CLD youth work team in local secondary schools to focus on some important safety messages as part of celebrating national youth work week.

positively respond. The content for the lesson plan was co-designed with young people and a short animation which forms part of the resource can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8F3iZQ4SKU>



Battery Park Lighting Project

Inverclyde secured UK Government funding to enhance the lighting in Battery Park in a bid to make people feel safer during darker mornings and evenings. The step was taken after safe walking spaces were highlighted as a concern in a Public Space, Activity and Women's Safety Survey, which prompted the council to seek improvements.

Inverclyde Council followed up that survey with a further public consultation on the Battery Park in Gourrock, with over 500 respondents during summer 2023 and 90% agreeing that lighting the park would increase their perception of safety and they would use it more.



This week is #NationalYouthWorkWeek the youth work team will be coming into secondary schools this week during lunchtime for our Safety Road shows. Come see us to be in with a chance to win an Amazon voucher or our other prizes. #youthworkscotland #youthworkchangeslives



Antisocial Behaviour – Online Resource

Inverclyde Council's Community Safety & Resilience team was part of a cross-authority steering group who assisted Renfrewshire-based charity 'I Am Me Scotland' with the development of an antisocial behaviour (ASB) awareness lesson that will be available on their learning platform, which is free to use for teachers, police officers, and health & social care professionals. The lesson targets prevention of ASB with young people in the P6 to P7 age group by increasing their awareness of what ASB is, the impact on communities, and how to

The works have been ongoing throughout 2023-24 and are due for completion mid-2024.

Figure 10. Battery Park solar hybrid lighting column to be switched on mid-2024



be co-producing this new resource with partners and stakeholders to ensure that it is shaped by experts in the field.

In March 2024 Inverclyde Council community safety representatives attended an engagement session designed to gather feedback on the project to help shape the new resource and the Council intend to apply to become one of the pilot local authorities for the project which is intended to run its first cycle in quarter 4 of 2024-25, with an opportunity for wider local partner involvement.

Participation will facilitate an improvement in local community engagement and improve our partnerships understanding of the links between place, safety and other inequalities. The project will also directly contribute to the Empowered People theme within Inverclyde Partnership Plan and priority 4 of this Community Safety Partnership strategy.

Violence Prevention Framework

The Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU) hosted an online event on March 26th, 2024, to discuss the Violence Prevention Framework (VPF). The event featured presentations from the SVRU, Youthlink Scotland, and the Scottish Government's Violence Reduction Policy Unit. Participants discussed how the VPF can be applied to local community safety initiatives and shared concerns about youth violence. At the end of the event, partners agreed to meet again to discuss next steps and explore potential funding opportunities to support local partners in embedding the VPF.

Early intervention and contextual safeguarding

Representatives from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership have been invited to join a new pan-Scotland contextual safeguarding champions group. Contextual safeguarding is a framework that recognises that children and young people are influenced by a wide

Future activities

Place Standard Tool development – community safety lens

The Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) is working with Public Health Scotland to develop a community safety lens for the Place Standard Tool. They believe that place-based working is essential for creating safer communities and that the Place Standard Tool can be used to assess the safety of communities. The SCSN will

range of environments and people beyond their immediate family. These contexts can include schools, colleges, local communities, peer groups, and online spaces.

The groups work will focus on the four domains and values of the Contextual Safeguarding Framework, resources for championing contextual systems and practice change, the culture and relationships required to support a Contextual Safeguarding system, and the role of a Contextual Safeguarding champion.

It is anticipated this work will complement planned local partnership activity in relation to improving the early and effective intervention (EEI) processes in Inverclyde and joint work around youth justice and exploitation to be designed with Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership and Children's Services Partnership.

Locality Plans

Refreshed Locality Plans for Inverclyde were published in June 2024 and the Partnership will use these plans for consideration and identification of community concerns around community safety.

National review of approach towards ASB

An Independent Working Group on Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) was established in November 2023 by the Scottish Government. This was to consider the main recommendation from the qualitative exercise '[Scotland's approach to anti-social behaviour: review findings](#)' (2023), to undertake an in-depth review looking at current approaches to preventing and tackling ASB with a particular focus on looking to develop a more preventative, strategic and sustainable approach to ASB. The group expects to report to the Minister for Victims and Community Safety in November 2024.

The findings from the review will inform the review of Inverclyde's Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, which is a key strand of work to be

undertaken by Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland during 2025, with consultation from other Community Planning partners.

CSP Structure and Self-evaluation

In response to the strategic changes implemented by the community planning partnership at the Alliance Board level, our community safety partnership will conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation in 2025. This process will involve reviewing our current strategies, analysing data to identify areas for improvement, and seeking input from community members and stakeholders. Based on the findings, we will restructure our partnership to incorporate data-driven decision-making and consider community voice in shaping our initiatives. By strengthening our partnership and aligning our efforts with the strategic direction set by the community planning partnership, we can create a more effective and responsive approach to community safety.

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How will we achieve our priorities

Priority 1 – There is a reduction in the level of violence and antisocial behaviour within our communities

We will do this by:

- Collaboratively promoting local and national campaigns which focus on crime prevention
- Develop and coordinate a programme of partnership activities to tackle violence, deliberate fire raising, carrying weapons, and antisocial behaviour through a prevention and education model
- Identify opportunities for joint engagement activities and programmes for young people
- Work with partners to prevent, reduce and solve crime and antisocial behaviour

Ref	What do we want to do?	High-level Actions	Due Date	Who is responsible?	Partnership Plan Theme
1.1	We aim to enhance community safety by delivering fire skills training, addressing off-road vehicle issues, and promoting anti-social behaviour awareness. We will develop partnerships, learn from lived experiences, and review national findings to inform our local strategies.	<p>Delivery of Inverclyde fire skills course with partner inputs</p> <p>Create a partnership campaign around off-road vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and nuisance to raise awareness of the issue and reporting methods, aligned with partner enforcement days of action.</p> <p>Promoting Antisocial Behaviour Week with a local event(s) promoting the 2024 theme of #MakingCommunitiesSafer</p> <p>Increase the opportunities to engage and learn from people who have lived experience of antisocial behaviour, linking in with Victim Support Scotland</p>	<p>Nov 2024</p> <p>Mar 2025</p> <p>Nov 2024</p> <p>Mar 2025</p>	<p>SFRS and Inverclyde Council</p> <p>Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland</p> <p>Inverclyde Council, SFRS and Police Scotland</p> <p>Inverclyde Council and Victim Support Scotland</p>	<p>Theme 4: A Supportive Place</p>

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1.2	We aim to evaluate the effectiveness of national violence prevention toolkits in Inverclyde. Additionally, we will analyse local violence data and conduct community engagement to identify specific needs and challenges and review national findings to inform our local strategies.	<p>Create partnership links between Scotrail Travel Safe Team and Inverclyde Youth Work services</p> <p>Review the findings of the national antisocial behaviour review and consider implications for local strategy refresh</p> <p>Review the delivery of national toolkits around violence prevention and their usage locally e.g. No Knives Better Lives and Imagine A Man</p> <p>Conduct a deep dive into violence within Inverclyde using Police Scotland local data and community engagement.</p> <p>Review the outcomes of the Violence Prevention Framework next steps national work</p>	<p>Dec 2024</p> <p>Mar 2025</p> <p>Mar 2025</p> <p>Mar 2025</p> <p>Mar 2025</p>	<p>Inverclyde Council and Scotrail</p> <p>All community safety partners will be presented with the outcome for discussion</p> <p>Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland</p> <p>Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland</p> <p>All community safety partners will be presented with the outcome for discussion</p>	<p>Theme 4: A Supportive Place</p> <p>Theme 1: Empowered People</p>
1.3	We aim to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage reporting.	Create a partnership campaign around hate crime awareness and reinforcing reporting methods	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, and Police Scotland	Theme 1: Empowered People

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					Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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Priority 2 – There is a reduction in the number of serious accidents at home and on our roads

We will do this by:

- Work with partners to deliver interventions that target those most at risk from unintentional injury and fire at home, and promote referral pathways
- Continue to educate children, young people, and adults on the risks from fire and other safety risks in the home
- Continue to deliver road safety education in school
- Improve driver behaviour and reduce injury through engagement and proportionate enforcement of legislation
- Strengthen partnership working across road safety and road crime

Ref	What do we want to do?	High-level Actions	Due Date	Who is responsible?	Partnership Plan Theme
2.1	Increase community awareness of the issues caused by traffic congestion around schools	Deliver a partnership campaigns to promote safer driving and parking around schools, particularly from a young person's perspective	Mar 2025	Road Safety (Schools) Working Group	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
2.2	Develop partnership approaches to promoting road and home safety, targeting at risk groups	Identify opportunities for partnership engagement with target groups within existing community settings Hold a partnership road safety event within Inverclyde	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council will identify opportunities and liaise with partners as required SFRS, Police Scotland, and SAS	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
2.3	Increase community awareness of home safety fire visits	SFRS training offer promoted to agencies delivering services in people's homes, such as housing associations and care providers, across Inverclyde to help improve awareness of referral pathways for Home Safety Fire Visits Identify opportunities for promotion of Home Safety Fire Visits within	Mar 2025 Dec 2024	Housing Associations, Inverclyde HSCP, and SFRS	Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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2.4	Develop partnership approaches to falls prevention	<p>community settings and community engagement activities</p> <p>Review and develop referral pathways to ensure they are clear for partners who identify individuals at risk of falls</p>	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council, SFRS, Housing Associations and Inverclyde HSCP	Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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Priority 3 – Communities in Inverclyde feel safe and are protected, particularly those most at risk

We will do this by:

- Increasing awareness of community safety and ensure it is important in the local landscape
- Increase positive community messaging and engagement to improve safety perceptions
- Sharing information to identify vulnerability and work together to reduce risk and prevent harm
- Supporting campaigns, initiatives, and projects that focus on, or increasing feelings of, safety
- Raise awareness of scams, bogus callers, online exploitation, and digital safety
- Build confidence amongst victims and the community to report their experiences

Ref	What do we want to do?	High-level Actions	Due Date	Who is responsible?	Partnership Plan Theme
3.1	Investigate a data led approach to identify potential vulnerability which leads to a multi-agency response in providing support and interventions.	Continued work with national SAVVI project for identification of potential vulnerable households	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council (working with Improvement Service and Scottish Government)	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
3.2	Optimise the Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) process in Inverclyde	Improvement of the existing Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) referral process in Inverclyde, using the partnership hub and multi-agency risk assessment group (MARG) processes as a model.	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, and Police Scotland	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
3.3	Increase awareness of the Keep Safe scheme within Inverclyde	Work with partners to promote the scheme locally and encourage uptake	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
3.4	Increase awareness of Crimestoppers and Fearless within Inverclyde Communities	Participate in Crimestoppers local project Organise Fearless input to partners delivering youth work services	Mar 2025 Oct 2024	Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland Inverclyde Council and other relevant partners	Theme 1: Empowered People Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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3.5	Improve perceptions of safety within public areas of Inverclyde that were highlighted as part of the activity and women's safety survey	Installation of lighting at Battery Park to improve perceptions of safety in the evening and increase usage of the park at these times	Sep 24	Inverclyde Council (consultation with wider partnership)	Theme 1: Empowered People Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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Priority 4 – Strong and effective joint working arrangements across the community planning partnership are developed to promote a holistic approach to community safety

We will do this by:

- Strengthening relationships with communities and actively seeking to engage stakeholders in our work to tackle community safety
- Empower residents by providing them with tools and resources they need to protect themselves and their communities
- Implementing joint working arrangements and projects between the community safety partnership and other community planning partnerships, such as Community Justice
- Support locality partnerships across Inverclyde in responding to community safety issues that impact localities and their communities.

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4.1	We will engage with marginalised communities to understand their experiences and perceptions of safety and provide relevant information.	Identify opportunities to engage and learn from people within marginalised group to understand their perceptions of community safety and provide them with safety information.	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde HSCP (other partners will contribute with relevant thematic inputs)	Theme 1: Empowered People Theme 4: A Supportive Place
4.2	Develop community engagement processes to improve communication with communities in identifying local community safety issues and delivery of local community-led solutions and initiatives.	CSP recognises the issues raised within Locality Plans and responds accordingly Participate in Public Health Scotland project to develop Place Standard Tool with community safety lens Community Safety topic included within Inverclyde Community Conversations (digital and in-person)	Mar 2025 Mar 2025 Mar 2025	All CSP partners to consider the community safety issues raised within Locality Plans Inverclyde Council and other relevant partners including Housing Associations, third sector, and Police Scotland Inverclyde Council and other relevant partners	Theme 1: Empowered People Theme 4: A Supportive Place

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4.3	Increase collaboration between Community Safety Partnership and Community Justice Partnership	Progress work with Safe and Supported Communities Alliance Group regarding youth justice / exploitation	Mar 2025	Inverclyde Council / HSCP	Theme 4: A Supportive Place
4.4	Self-evaluation and review of the sub-groups that sit beneath the Community Safety strategy group	Undertake a self-evaluation of the Community Safety Partnership following changes made to Alliance Board reporting structure. This will lead to a new group structure which promotes data driven decision-making within the partnership space.	Mar 2025	All CSP partners to participate	Theme 4: A Supportive Place