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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 November 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>P &amp; F/18/19/HS</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Water Safety</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to respond to at the decision of the Inverclyde Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2019 in respect of water safety.
- 1.2 The report provides a response to the questions asked by Councillor Crowther in regards to water safety in Inverclyde.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Inverclyde Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on 21 February 2019 a report 'Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership' provided members with a briefing of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group meeting including an update of issues around water safety. P&F/02/19/HS
- 2.2 At the meeting of the Inverclyde Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19 September 2019, Councillor Crowther sought responses to three questions related to the work of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group and in particular issues around water safety and the Committee agreed to a report being submitted to the next meeting. P&F/13/19/HS

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the information contained in the report.

**Ruth Binks**  
**Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development**

## 4.0 QUESTIONS RAISED

4.1 When it is considered that HM Coastguard was part of the small task group with SFRS and Inverclyde Council why are they not represented on the CSP Strategy Group as listed in Sections 2.2 or 4.3?

The answer could lie in 4.2 where it is stated that “A number of working groups also exist with a combination of issue-based groups and short term multi-agency tasking and co-ordinating groups”.

If indeed this is the answer, then I would be interested to know how many such groups exist and what are their remits?

4.2 Response:

- The Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group is the senior officers group for community safety in Inverclyde. The group is made up of a number of individuals and includes representation from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS), The Scottish Ambulance Service, Inverclyde Housing Association Forum, Your Voice Inverclyde and CVS Inverclyde. The Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang of Police Scotland.
- There are two sub groups within the overall community safety partnership structure. The Community Safety Partnership coordinating group (CG) is the delivery group for the community safety strategic assessment and associated improvement action plan. The violence against women multi-agency partnership (VAWMAP) is the strategic delivery group of the violence against women strategy for Inverclyde.
- Within the two sub groups there are a number of operational groups which exist either as a thematic issue or as a tasking and coordinating approach. Due to the nature of these groups some groups are time bound whilst some meet on a regular basis. A list of these groups is appended (Appendix 1).
- There are a number of organisations represented within the structure that do not sit on the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group, though will be active on appropriate operational groups.
- The Chair of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group will make formal contact with HM Coastguard become a member of the Strategy Group and any sub group where HM Coastguard feel representation is appropriate.

4.3 Has the study to identify bodies of water across Inverclyde and a risk assessment been completed?

4.4 Response:

- The initial focus of the study considered those bodies of water within proximity to known locations of large-scale youth gatherings consequently this identified bodies of water in and around the Greenock Cut and the beach to the rear of the houses at Harbourside, Inverkip.
- Data sources from Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland, SFRS and the Water Incident Database (WAID) were considered to identify areas where incidents had been reported regarding water safety issues. This indicated a small number of locations in Inverclyde where incidents of people in or near water had been reported.
- A meeting was organised but due to operational training, HM Coastguard were unable to attend. Attendance included representation from Inverclyde Council, SFRS and The

Civil Contingencies Service.

- SFRS provided an assessment of bodies of water around the Greenock Cut detailing the location and access points for SFRS responding to incidents. This approach was considered relevant due to previous incidents involving large-scale youth gatherings.
- Responsibility for the maintenance of safety in and around bodies of water will be the responsibility of the appropriate landowner. Due to extent of bodies of water in Inverclyde there are a number of landowners with several pieces of legislation outlining the responsibilities of landowners.
- Partners agreed that further information would be required to identify a risk assessment model and policy relative to water safety in Inverclyde. This would require consent from the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership to begin this work.
- In terms of the completed risk assessment as the responsibility for the coordinating of search and rescue on inland waters, coastline and tidal waters lies with either Police Scotland or the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the assessment focused on those bodies of water in Inverclyde where previous incidents had been recorded and the appropriate response from SFRS as per relevant legislation. SFRS have identified access points if they are required to respond to any incidents.

4.5 Has the SFRS visited all secondary schools across Inverclyde to promote water safety?

4.6 Response:

- In total SFRS engaged with 567 young people with a combination of inputs at schools, youth work providers and the Fireskills youth engagement programme.
- Specifically in relation to schools, inputs were provided at Port Glasgow High School, St Stephen's High School, Inverclyde Academy and St Columba's High School. The Local Authority Liaison Officer (Fire) for SFRS has indicated that additional water safety talks will take place during 2020.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Finance

#### Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### 5.2 Legal

N/A

### 5.3 Human Resources

N/A

### 5.4 Equalities

#### Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

### 5.5 Repopulation

N/A

## 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 N/A

## 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Inverclyde Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee report February 2019  
Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership

7.2 Inverclyde Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee report September 2019  
Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Update Report (September 2019)

## **Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group (CG)**

The remit of the CG is as follows:

- Lead on the improvement action plan contained within the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.
- Oversee activity of the Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Groups (MATAC) identified with the Terms of Reference.
- Raise awareness of emerging trends and future issues in respect of community safety relevant to the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.
- Provide partnership responses regarding community safety in support of the locality partnerships and Inverclyde Alliance.
- Lead on any relevant community safety action allocated from the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group (parent group)
- Report on progress of key priority themes to Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group

The CG has responsibility for **six** groups as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> November MATAC
- Improving Inverclyde Initiative
- Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Strategy Working Group
- Road Safety (Schools) Working Group
- Secondary Fire Raising Group
- Large Scale youth gatherings MATAC

## **5<sup>th</sup> November Action Plan Multi Agency Tasking & Coordinating (MATAC)**

The remit of the MATAC is as follows:

- Plan and coordinate responses for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October (2019) including the clarification of void and derelict properties across Inverclyde, publicity materials for community safety partners and intelligence gathering around the selling of fireworks to U18s.
- Plan and coordinate responses for the period 21<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November (2019) including information talks to schools and youth work providers, removal of materials used for bonfires.
- Plan and coordinate responses for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> November (2019) in regards to removal of bonfire sites and joint patrols between Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

### **Improving Inverclyde Initiative Working Group**

The remit of the Improving Inverclyde Initiative Work Group is as follows:

- Undertake data analysis to identify a relevant intermediate geography within Inverclyde
- Establish a locality based initiative within Inverclyde considering data analysis and community engagement
- Deliver the initiative over a 6 month period followed by critical evaluation and post- 12 month evaluation

### **Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Working Group**

The remit of the Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Working Group is as follows:

- Undertake an assessment of antisocial behaviour in Inverclyde.
- Create a strategy setting out the statutory duties of Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland and support from community safety partners.
- Create an improvement action plan and measuring framework to accompany the document.
- Create a policy framework setting out how partners will respond to antisocial behaviour across Inverclyde.

### **Road Safety (Schools) Working Group**

The remit of the Road Safety (Schools) Working Group is as follows:

- Lead on road safety based actions and initiatives which contribute to the CSP strategic assessment outcomes of
  - Reducing unintentional harm
  - Promoting community resilience
- Raise awareness of emerging trends and future issues in respect of community safety relevant to the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.

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- Provide partnership responses to road safety issues in support of the locality partnerships and Inverclyde Alliance.
- Lead on any relevant community safety action allocated from the Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group (parent group).
- Report quarterly on progress of key priority themes to Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group.

### **Secondary Fire Raising Group**

The remit of the Secondary Fire Raising Group is as follows:

- Undertake a temporal analysis of secondary fire raising across Inverclyde
- Identify key locations where secondary fire raising occurs across Inverclyde
- Consider improvement actions and appropriate responses where secondary fire raising occurs

### **Large Scale Youth Gatherings MATAC**

The remit of the Large Scale Youth Gatherings MATAC is as follows:

- Undertake analysis of locations in Inverclyde where large scale youth gatherings occur
- Create and manage an action plan detailing responses to large youth gatherings
- Consider appropriate responses to dealing with large youth gatherings
- Engage with relevant partners in responding to large youth gatherings
- Maintain an action plan in response to large youth gatherings.

### **NOTE**

Due to the scope of the work carried out by the Community Safety Partnership Analyst other groups may be introduced due to emerging trends and future issues.

## **Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership (VAWMAP)**

The remit of the VAWMAP is as follows:

- Develop an integrated and strategic approach to the prevention and elimination of Violence Against Women;
- Set the priorities and objectives for Violence Against Women activities in Inverclyde;
- Look at the provision of services for women and children affected by Violence Against Women in Inverclyde and advocate for services/programmes to meet demand or fill identified service gaps;
- Facilitate a multi-agency approach in order to support and protect women, children and young people who have experienced abuse;
- Increase the skills and confidence of the workforce engaging with victims of violence against women;
- Progress the agenda and raise the profile of Violence Against Women locally;
- Engage and participate with service users in the design and delivery of services;
- Provide localised responses in relation to national Violence Against Women priorities;
- Monitor progress on the outcomes to be achieved in respect of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment;
- Monitor progress on the outcomes to be achieved in respect of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Strategy;
- Provide feedback in relation to Violence Against Women activity in Inverclyde to the Community Safety Strategy Group and Inverclyde Alliance Board.

The VAWMAP also has responsibility for two groups as follows:

- Inverclyde MARAC
- Inverclyde MARAC Governance Group



## **Inverclyde MARAC**

The remit of the Inverclyde MARAC is as follows:

- Share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims (adults and their children)
- Determine whether the perpetrator poses a significant risk to any particular individual or the general community
- Jointly implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and reduces harm
- Reduce repeat victimisation
- Improve agency accountability
- Improve support for staff involved in high risk domestic abuse case
- Identify situations that indicate a need for Child Protection or Adult Protection procedures to be initiated

## **Inverclyde MARAC Governance Group**

The remit of the Inverclyde MARAC Governance Group is as follows:

- Report to the Inverclyde VAW MAP at the first meeting following the Governance Group meeting
- Monitor and evaluate the data from the MARAC
- Address operational issues of the MARAC
- Oversee efforts to raise awareness with local practitioners about the MARAC
- Monitor and regularly assess the overall performance of the MARAC and ensure it operates in line with the '10 Principles of an effective MARAC'