
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	7 March 2023
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Subject:	Community Safety Update		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on strategic matters pertaining to Community Safety in Inverclyde.

1.3 Updates have been provided on:

- Inverclyde Multi-agency Risk Assessment (MARAC);
- Inverclyde Sex Offender Liaison Officer (SOLO);
- Police Scotland Local Partnership and Initiative Fund – Friday night youth project;
- Community Safety and Violence Against Women Strategy 2023 – 2026; and
- Control the bleed kit public access centre

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended the Education & Communities Committee notes the content of this report.

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3.0 Updates

3.1 Inverclyde Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

Inverclyde's 4 weekly MARACs continue to identify high risk victims of domestic abuse and through effective and efficient partnership working, agree actions to improve the safety of victims and their children while holding perpetrators to account for their actions. The Community Safety & Resilience team act as the MARAC coordinator, which involves collating, recording, distributing and following up on agency responses and subsequent MARAC actions. In the year 2022-23 56 cases were considered at MARAC.

3.2 Inverclyde Sex Offender Liaison Officer (SOLO)

The SOLO role in Inverclyde is undertaken by the Community Safety & Resilience Team. The Sex Offender Liaison Officer (SOLO) carries out Environmental Risk Assessments (ERAs) for all registered sex offenders (RSOs) in Inverclyde. These are instigated by an annual requirement or an event, for example moving house, change of circumstances, release from prison, etc. Information produced, requires the exchange of information with Council Tax Services and Registered Social Landlords, with the latter requiring an Information Sharing Agreement. For each RSO, a check is done on their current housing status, tenancy issues and any information relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB). This work is undertaken in partnership with the Sex Offender Policing Unit.

3.3 Police Scotland Local Partnership and Initiative Fund – Friday night youth project

The Community Safety & Resilience Team has worked jointly with the CLD Youth Work Team and Active Schools/Sports Development Team to make a successful bid to Police Scotland's Local Partnership and Initiative Fund for a short-term project to provide access to football and gym/fitness activities at Lady Octavia Leisure Centre on Friday nights. These sessions will be supported by detached youth workers as well as sports coaches. It is anticipated that other community safety partners such as the Community Wardens and Police Scotland can use this activity to build relationships with local young people by dropping-in and engaging the young people in attendance.

3.4 Community Safety and Violence Against Women Strategy 2023-2026

The Community Safety & Resilience Team worked with community safety partners to produce a strategic needs assessment during 2022. This assessment reviewed current needs assessment within context of the current policy landscape, emerging themes and issues as well as local data analysis. Future priorities for the Community Safety Partnership have been subsequently identified and agreed with partners and formed the basis for an Inverclyde Alliance workshop in December 2022. The outcomes of the strategic needs assessment and Alliance workshop were used to develop a joint Community Safety and Violence Against Women Strategy 2023-26, which will be submitted for approval at the next Alliance Board meeting in March 2023.

The priority outcomes identified for the Community Safety Partnership are:

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

There are also specific priority outcomes for the Violence Against Women Multiagency Partnership:

- Communities in Inverclyde embrace equality and mutual respect and reject all forms of violence against women
- Women and girls in Inverclyde thrive as equal citizens: culturally, economically, and politically;
- Interventions are early and effective, prevent violence and maximise the safety and wellbeing of women, children, and young people; and
- Men are challenged to desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.

Once agreed by the Inverclyde Alliance, the full strategic needs assessment will be made available to the Education & Communities Committee.

3.5 Control the bleed kit public access cabinet

A public access emergency bleed control cabinet has been installed at Cathcart Street in Greenock town centre. The Daniel Baird Foundation, which was set up by Lynne Baird MBE in memory of her late son Daniel, 26, who died after suffering a catastrophic bleed in 2017, donated a control the bleed cabinet for use by the Inverclyde community after Inverclyde Council purchased the kits for the Council’s Community Wardens service. Members of the public can access the essential medical supplies designed to reduce blood loss and save lives in the vital minutes before medical attention arrives, by dialling 999 and following the instructions to open the cabinet.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		X	
Legal/Risk		X	
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)	X		
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty		X	
Children & Young People’s Rights & Wellbeing	X		
Environmental & Sustainability		X	
Data Protection		X	

4.2 Finance

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					

4.3 Legal/Risk

None.

4.4 Human Resources

None.

4.5 Strategic

Community Safety forms part of the Inverclyde Alliance key priorities.

4.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
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, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

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 – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

4.7 Children and Young People

Has a Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
x	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children’s rights.

4.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
x	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

4.9 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 – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 N/A.