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Subject:
Community Safety Partnership – Strategic Purpose and Aims

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's endorsement of the proposed Strategic Purpose and Aims of the Community Safety Partnership for the next four years.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Since 2008 the Community Safety Partnership has produced 2 Strategic Assessments of Community Safety in Inverclyde. These were intelligence led assessments which made several recommendations for community safety in Inverclyde.
- 2.2 In order to prioritise these recommendations, a recent conference of key senior officers from partner organisations was convened and the following Community Safety Strategic Purpose was agreed:-

To have a Safer and Healthier Inverclyde

To help achieve this purpose the following Strategic Aims were also agreed:-

- 1. To reduce Youth Disorder (under 19years) by 31 March 2014**
- 2. To reduce repeat incidences of domestic abuse by 31 March 2014**
- 3. To reduce Public Place Violence by 31 March 2014**
- 4. To improve Fire Safety by 31 March 2014**
- 5. To improve the environmental wellbeing of Inverclyde neighbourhoods 31 March 2014**

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee :
- Endorse the proposed Community Safety Strategic Purpose and Aims as the lead community safety partner.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Strategic Assessments replaced the annual progress report to the Scottish Government and now include a community safety audit in a bid to move to a more intelligence led business planning approach. Assessments are reviewed annually allowing Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership to be aware of local priorities and alter its focus as problems in an area change.

4.2 The aim of this document is to establish an accurate picture of current and emerging trends in the Inverclyde area and make comparisons to national figures and previous statistical trends. The assessment covers aspects of performance and identifies the needs and tactical capabilities of members of the Community Safety Partnership. It is utilised to assist decision making and to help ensure that the Community Safety Partnership makes the best use of resources when targeting identified issues.

4.3 The main findings from the current Strategic Assessment and the first Strategic Assessment in 2008/9 :

- Violent crime including knife crime, both of which have strong links to alcohol, continue to be a concern of the community although in reality, the statistics provided by Strathclyde Police indicate that the incidents are being reduced annually.
- The Gang Culture in Inverclyde remains a high priority for the Community Safety Partnership. The multi agency tasking groups are identifying appropriate interventions and diversionary activities.
- Providing support, information and advice for victims of domestic abuse has been identified to be a priority, especially for victims in the 26-30 age group and those where the perpetrator was an ex-partner or spouse.
- Promoting Safety and Preventing Accidents in the Community has always been an issue that the Community Safety Partnership has prioritised, this will see increased attention, however, with the introduction of a multi agency tasking group to be chaired by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. This Group will analyse all statistics in relation to Fire Safety, Home Safety, Road Safety, Water Safety and Child Safety.
- Anti-Social Behaviour is once again a high priority for the members of the Community Safety Partnership. Enabling residents to live safely in a nurturing and supportive environment is the key to improving community safety in Inverclyde. The main areas of anti-social behaviour that will be tackled, in accordance with the findings in this document, will be: youth disorder, substance misuse, vandalism, noise and litter.

The main locations statistically identified within the Strategic Assessment as having higher proportions of crime and anti-social behaviour are the town centres. Although these areas will be a priority, the remaining wards with reported high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour will continue to be monitored and interventions will be developed and implemented accordingly.

4.4 In order to prioritise actions a conference of key senior staff from community safety partner organisations was convened towards the end of 2009.

The conference agreed the following Community Safety Strategic Purpose:-

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5.0 Developments to Date

- 5.1 Lead Officers from partner organisations for each strategic aim have been designated. These officers are generally linked to existing multi agency tasking groups with the exception of Aim 5. A new tasking group will be set up respond to this Aim.
- 5.2 The lead officers are currently addressing the problem using a “Problem Solving Approach”. This will result in the setting of measurable targets and development of action plans to achieve the strategic aims.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance:

Costs will be contained within existing service provision.

6.3 Legal:

None

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The proposals have been agreed by the Community Safety Senior Officer Strategic Group.