

The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 3rd March 2016

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Inverness Community Safety Partnership

Joint Report by Inverness City Area Manager and Area Commander, (Highland and Islands Division, Police Scotland), Inverness

Summary

This report summarises the activities of the Inverness Community Safety Partnership (ICSP) since it last reported on 2014 activity to Committee in June 2015.

The Committee is invited to;

1. approve the ICSP report for 2015
2. endorse the work of the Operation Respect Daytime Group

1. Background

1.1 The Inverness Community Safety Partnership (ICSP) was formed in January 2011 with the aim of overseeing the activity of Community Safety initiatives across the city.

1.2 The partners involved now include

Highland Council
Police Scotland
N.H.S Highland
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Inverness Business Improvement District (BID)
Inverness Drug and Alcohol Forum
Apex Highland
Inverness Street Pastors
Highland Crimestoppers

The Partnership has also developed links with the following organisations

Scottish Prison Service, Signpost Highland, Eden Court, New Start Highland

1.3 The ICSP Mission Statement is

'Working in partnership, to create an environment where our communities and visitors will remain safe and reassured.'

The Aims of the ICSP are aligned to the Single Outcome Agreements between the statutory agencies and The Scottish Government.

The partnership fits with the objectives of the Community Empowerment Act 2015, in respect of enabling public sector agencies and third sector organisations to work collaboratively in their support of common goals.

1.4 The ICSP acts as follows;

- it has tactical oversight over all Community Safety initiatives that may be undertaken by any other partner agencies within the boundaries of the geographical remit of the City of Inverness Area Committee.
- support Safer Highland in relation to all Community Safety / Business Crime initiatives
- the formulation of objectives to develop Community Safety / Business Crime initiatives on an annual basis
- where practicable to assist with the delivery of Community Safety initiatives
- promotion of good practice and making best use of funding opportunities
- delivery of an annual report to the City of Inverness Area Committee on the activities of the partnership and its themes for the forthcoming year.

2. **Progress in 2015**

2.1 Following partnership working with relevant agencies, through the ICSP, progress was made as follows;

- The provision of support to vulnerable people through increased Street Pastor night time deployment during pay weekends, support of the N.H.S. drop in centre and Harm Reduction Service.
- Listened to the City Centre communities and improved communication path between them and the relevant agencies in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Supporting the continuing development of the Street Pastors Day Time service.
- Continued support of the fortnightly Multi-Agency Tasking Group – Operation Respect Daytime Group. This tasking group makes use of the ICSP partners to deliver a programme of work with resources being directed to take action on a number of issues within the city centre such

as

- Anti Social Behaviour with regard to City Centre persistent offenders
- Fencing of bin storage area at Inverness Museum
- Design and Production of the 'Street Performers – A Guide to Good Practice' leaflet
- Targeted removal of Gum on pavements.
- In partnership with identified businesses repaired and made secure fire escape doors giving access to rear of premises.
- Work with car park owner to secure during evening hours to prevent irresponsible driver behaviour and subsequent Anti Social Behaviour.
- Support of and involvement in Op Respect Summertime 2015
- Operation Respect – Festive – winter 2015/16 – The Op Respect Festive Period Evaluation Report gives an appraisal of this year's operation and the benefits achieved
- Expansion of Operation Respect Festive and Summertime to other areas within the Highland and Islands Division.
- Continued support of measures, including establishment of Cold Call Control Zones, to combat consumer detriment, and protect especially vulnerable individuals from criminal activity associated with Doorstep Crime /Cold Calling.
- Continued support and involvement in Naloxone intranasal training and harm reduction talks, delivered with N.H.S.

4. **Work in Progress in 2015/16**

- Investigating the challenges and issue surrounding New Psychoactive Substances and supporting the work of partners in this newly emerging Community Safety challenge
- Continuing support of the N.H.S. Harm Reduction Service.
- Forging links with U.H.I. to understand the needs of the student community in conjunction with the needs of our existing communities.
- Developing links with Scottish Prison Service to target persistent offenders to ensure a planned release with a sustainable positive

outcome.

- Year-end review and planning meeting to identify priorities and objectives for 2016

5. Resource, Legal, Equalities, Climate Change and Risk implications

The activities detailed in this report are funded through existing partner contributions to the ICSP. There are no known other implications other than the positive ones highlighted in the appendices.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to;

1. approve the work of ICSP for 2015
2. endorse the work of the Operation Respect Daytime Group

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