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Community Safety and Resilience Action Plan

Report by: Jen Valentine, Chair of the Community Safety and Resilience Delivery Group

Summary

This report commends the contents of the Highland Community Safety and Resilience (CS&R) Action Plan to the members of the Community Planning Board. The action plan has been developed over a nine month period, through development events, consultations and identifying statutory agency priorities, where collaboration would be beneficial.

1.	Background
1.1	Community safety and resilience is a wide ranging issue comprising of both prevention and intervention activities. It includes reducing the likelihood of all types of emergencies occurring, reducing the likelihood of criminal activity and having the appropriate plans and models in place to support and deliver the required interventions.
1.2	It is also about providing communities with firstly the knowledge of the risks in their area and then equipping them with the skills, guidance and confidence to improve self-sufficiency and to become stronger and more resilient.
1.3	<p>The Highland Outcome Improvement Plan 2017 – 2027 outlines the four overarching themes to drive the work of the CS&R Delivery Group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Led Action; Resilience/Inclusion/Response - There is support for communities across Highland to increase their collective resilience and the resilience of people living within that community. Stronger partnerships between the CPP and communities will enable communities to build appropriate responses to the risks that are particular to them. • Collaborative Training Opportunities to share training across agencies, sectors and communities will help to strengthen support, delivery and co-operation. • Information Sharing and Collaborative Approaches - More can be done to share information across our public sector agencies where doing so would help to reduce the impact of an individual's vulnerabilities. Working with communities will help to identify the people who are most likely to need support and this will assist in providing or signposting the right support and services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Safety and Awareness - With all the advantages of digital technology there remains concern about the lack of awareness around how to maintain personal and family safety and security when using it. The provision of information and targeted guidance, the delivery of training and appropriate awareness raising can be used to improve safety and security without creating unnecessary fear.
2.	Revised Plan 2023 - 2026 (full plan is available through this link)
2.1	<p>The revised plan and approach for the period 2023 – 2026 is shaped based on the outcomes of a development day of key stakeholders, identifying delivery under the the themes of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety • Community Resilience • Training and Communications • Vulnerabilities and Harm Prevention <p>focused on local assessment of needs, through strengthened relationships with the 9 Local Community Partnerships.</p>
2.2	<p>Key elements identified during the development of the plan were the changing understanding of concept of resilience and the gap between traditional resilience activities as defined under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, and the wider concepts of community resilience developed during COVID.</p> <p>This has become one of the focus areas for the action planning period, to understand the work streams delivering in these respective areas and bringing them together to make better use of resources and create joint understanding of risk.</p>
2.3	<p>Improved collaboration and communications between the delivery group and the Community Partnerships was also identified as a need, and a revised model is being implemented to facilitate this. Police and Fire representatives on the local CP's will represent the Community Safety and Resilience work stream as a standing agenda item. This will give two way communication, allowing local CP's to escalate issues to the delivery group, and also create a delivery mechanism for information into local level.</p>
2.4	<p>Collaboration with the Highlands and Islands Local Resilience Partnership working group has been identified as a key link, not previously represented within the Delivery Group. This should avoid duplication and enhance community resilience.</p>
2.5	<p>The membership of the group is not yet fully established to deliver on all aspects of the action plan, however engagement is underway to bring the necessary members to the group to effect delivery.</p>

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

- i) Note the content of the action plan and ensure that all agencies support the delivery of their relevant elements.

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