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Management Board Meeting

Development and Improvement Groups (DIGs): Highlights and Issues Report

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Date of report	19 th July 2023
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1	<p>Highlights of activity and progress since last meeting</p> <p>Although the theme of the CPWD for this quarter is Sustainability, it is acknowledged that the majority of the highlight report refers to general updates or matters which fall under the 'Wellbeing' category.</p> <p>The Shaping Places for Wellbeing project have carried out a place based assessment on the current Safe DIG Strategy which is due for refresh this year. This has enabled members of the Safe DIG to discuss their hopes and aspirations for the Safe DIG group and provide priorities for moving forward. The assessment review will be provided by the Shaping for Wellbeing project team for further discussion which is a really positive step forward.</p> <p>The Clydebank Action Plan provides a multi-agency approach to tackling an increase in reported ASB and disorder at Clyde Shopping Centre and in the surrounding community. Partners include Police Scotland, British Transport Police, Scotrail, Passenger Transport, WDC ASB team, Education WDC, First Bus and Clyde Shopping Centre Management.</p> <p>Operation Ballaton (multi-agency approach to tackling increase in ASB and disorder in Balloch and Loch Lomond areas) continues to provide a deterrent to ASB with a wide range of partners.</p> <p>Water Safety – work has been carried out in all school to promote water safety and dangers involved joint emergency services visits and inputs as part of the Choices for life's days at schools across WDC.</p> <p>Police Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council Education have worked together to produce a letter for parents highlighting ASB areas of concern and how this will be managed through the summer. This has been provided to all parents through the Education team.</p>
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The recruitment process is underway to fill the Community Justice Co-ordinator post on a full time basis and interviews are scheduled for 4th August 2023.

The Community Justice Partnership are holding development sessions over the coming months where the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan will be considered at these sessions.

2 | Outline of any issues/risks and how these are being managed

Workforce challenges have been experienced by Justice Social Work over the preceding three months due to Long term sickness. They have continued to meet our statutory duties while providing our services to Court and the supervision of those on statutory orders and licences. Agency staff have been utilised to supplement core business and it is hoped that we will begin to have staff return in the coming weeks.

In terms of workforce development, training dates have been secured for Justice Social Work staff to complete the Caledonian system training. It is anticipated that the Domestic Abuse perpetrator programme will be available to sentencers in early 2024.

3 | Outline of the main outputs expected before next meeting

We have delayed the next Safe DIG meeting by 2 weeks to allow the Shaping Places for Wellbeing team sufficient time to produce their report on the Place Based assessment. This will allow the report to be circulated in advance of the meeting and discussed by members of the Safe DIG with a view to refreshing the Safe DIG Strategy.

4 | What are your requirements of partners in the Community Planning Management Board?

To review the Safe DIG Strategy once it has been developed following the Place Based Assessment.

5 | Please outline any good news story you wish to share

The Dementia Safeguard Tag scheme that was rolled out in West Dunbartonshire on 22nd March supported by Alzheimer Scotland has been given approval to being launched nationally. The response from the local community has been very positive.

In terms of Sustainability, Police Scotland have a number of initiatives on-going which contribute;

- The fleet is currently transitioning over to electric vehicles. The infrastructure is currently being installed although it should be noted that there are challenges for some of the more remote and rural areas.
- Police in West Dunbartonshire have recently taken delivery of 10 pedal cycles (4 of which are electric), these will be used by Community Officers within their multi member ward areas.
- Recycling programme widely used within Police Offices.

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- To increase biodiversity some areas of green space around our officers have been left un-cut and the large area to the front of Dumbarton Office now houses a bee hive which is looked after and managed by a local bee-keeper.
- Newly established sustainability group within the Division to discuss and progress work around improving sustainability.

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