



**Report by Chief Inspector Coleen Wylie,  
Safe Delivery and Improvement Group Chair**

**Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: 18 November 2021**

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**Subject: Safe Delivery and Improvement Group – progress update – October 2021**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the members on the progress of local outcomes within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027 being delivered by the Safe Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG).

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Community Planning West Dunbartonshire are asked to note the contents of this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027 identifies 5 priority local outcomes that seek to deliver the vision of a West Dunbartonshire that is *“a great place to live, work and visit”*.
- 3.2 The DIGs have been established as the outcome focussed supporting structure for the Community Planning Partnership. Each group consisting of key agencies and partners who work together to support delivery of the vision whilst working within the parameters of Community Planning West Dunbartonshire to promote the value of working in partnership.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1 The October meeting of the Safe DIG will be used as an opportunity to endorse the Safe DIG Strategy and Delivery Plan (attached). It should be noted that whilst the Safe DIG will be held before the CPWD, this report has been submitted prior to the meeting of the Safe DIG.
- 4.2 This strategy and delivery plan has been revised after circulation to each partner agency allowing for further discussion and contribution. It is important that the actions/measures agreed are relevant and can be monitored and measured in qualitative terms. The new delivery plan will also incorporate the following

overarching themes, ensuring these are considered and thread through all our activities where appropriate:

- Sustainability
- Wellbeing – financial and health
- Empowerment

**4.3** The forward look of the Safe DIG in October will be to look towards Bonfire Night and other forms of fire-raising to ensure the partnership is fully connected in terms of prevention and education messages being used for the wider public.

## **5. Additional Matters – Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS)**

**5.1** The “Partnership Approach to Water Safety - West Dunbartonshire 2021” (PAWS) has secured funding and site visits to identify locations requiring additional or new Public Rescue Equipment (PRE) have been carried out. There are now 21 locations within Balloch Park where you will see PRE. Moving forward, these will be maintained by West Dunbartonshire Council and other partners. All PRE will be mapped through Geographical Information System (GIS) and locations forwarded to emergency services.

**5.2** The West Dunbartonshire PAWS group has instigated a review of all signage at layby/picnic hotspots around Loch Lomond with pictorial signage being developed which will include location markers and What 3 Words references. PRE is being installed now and signage will follow.

**5.3** The PAWS group recently attended a water safety demonstration at Pinkston water sports facility to show tactics/equipment for fast flowing water rescue and have also carried out a site visit at a site for a proposed new bridge as part of the suicide prevention plan as this may become a future location of concern.

## **6. People Implications**

**6.1** No, all activity is delivered through the existing teams of the Community Planning partners.

## **7. Financial Implications**

**7.1** There are no direct financial or procurement implications from the updates detailed in this report.

## **8. Risk Analysis**

**8.1** The responsibilities contained within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 are fundamental to planning and delivery of better services. The partners’ commitment to the Safe DIG is an acknowledgement that the importance of this work is recognised.

## **9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**9.1** Whilst an EIA is not required for the focus of the Safe DIG, for each of the new outcomes agreed by the Safe DIG Partnership, these will be checked against the aspects of Equality, Wellbeing, Sustainability and Empowerment.

## **10. Consultation**

**10.1** This is an update on areas of work relating to the current work of the Safe DIG. Consultation is carried out relevant to each project and initiative, as appropriate by the action lead/partner agency.

## **11. Strategic Assessment**

**11.1** This report confirms that the SPWD continues to deliver against the outcomes set in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. However the impact on resources and operational capacity as a result of Covid 19 cannot be underestimated and there will be challenges in some delivery.

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**Appendices:** **Safe DIG Strategy and Delivery Plan DRAFT**

**Background Papers:** **None**

**Wards Affected:** **ALL**