



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

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: 13 May 2021

Subject: Safe Delivery and Improvement Group – progress update

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 members of the Safe DIG discussed their current outcomes to ensure these were still relevant and current as we move into the recovery phase of the Covid 19 pandemic, in particular:

Questions:

- What has the impact of Covid been?
- Who should be members of the DIG?

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- How best to gather views and concerns of the community including inequalities?
- 4.2** It was agreed that whilst the work of the Safe DIG had always been relevant to the key threats and risks faced by people within West Dunbartonshire, these challenges have changed during the past year and a revised focus was appropriate.
- 4.3** The Safe DIG agreed that the Local Outcomes delivered through the Safe DIG moving forward should be refreshed, whilst ensuring outcomes also consider wider Equality, Wellbeing, Sustainability and Empowerment aspects of activity. Initial discussion recommended the following themes for further consideration:
1. Residents live in a safe and positive community – the Safe DIG will focus on:
 - Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence, including Wilful Fireraising and Hate Crime
 - Substance Harm Prevention, reducing Drugs Deaths
 2. Our communities are supported and included – the Safe DIG will focus on:
 - Fraud and bogus caller incidents
 - Online Harms including child sexual exploitation
 - Suicide Prevention
 3. We encourage enhanced water safety – the Safe DIG will focus on:
 - Partnership Approach to Water Safety
- 4.4** Work is ongoing to develop these new outcomes into an action/delivery plan that each partner can provide meaningful contribution towards.
- 5. Additional Matters – Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS)**
- 5.1** Scotland's National Drowning Prevention Strategy has 2 overall targets:
- Reduce accidental drowning deaths in Scotland by 50% by 2026 and reduce risk among the highest-risk populations, groups and communities.
 - Contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide.
- 5.2** The Partnership Approach to Water Safety Group (PAWS) has now been established within West Dunbartonshire, with two meetings being held since the start of March 2021.
- 5.2** A Communications Strategy has been established to align social media accounts across all partners, and agreement made to deliver Water Safety inputs in education establishments by school teachers. This learning package will go live 26th April 2021.

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- 5.3 There are multi-agency exercises planned and risk assessments are ongoing for these. Two will be carried out this year and another in early 2022.
- 5.4 Public water rescue equipment site visits have been carried out by partners with recommendations for types of signage and equipment. SFRS have committed to the initial funding costs including mounting hooks and throw lines, and discussion ongoing to facilitate locations and fitting of equipment and signage as quickly as possible.
- 5.5 The attached “Partnership Approach to Water Safety West Dunbartonshire 2021” provides further information regarding the partners involved, outcomes and action plan that this group will continue to deliver, reporting into the Safe DIG on their progress moving forward. Attached plan is for attention of CPWD Management Board only at this stage.

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

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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: Partnership Water Safety Group Plan 2021

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: ALL