



West Dunbartonshire
Safe
Delivery & Improvement Group
Strategy
2021-2023

Introduction

Our West Dunbartonshire Safe Delivery and Improvement Group (Safe DIG) Strategy 2021-2023 sets out our strategic priorities and how the partnership plans to bring together our resources to ensure that West Dunbartonshire is a great place to live, work and visit.

The Safe DIG has 3 local outcomes:

- ✚ Residents live in a safe and positive community
- ✚ Our communities are supported and included
- ✚ We encourage enhanced water safety

Being able to live in a community that is safe and positive is an aim that the Safe DIG will help deliver. This will include focussing our resources and efforts into the incident types that are causing greatest harm in our communities – this will include anti-social behaviour and violence (wilful fire raising, hate crime and domestic incidents).

Drugs deaths are tragedies that affects service users, families and wider communities. Addressing this within West Dunbartonshire, the Safe DIG will work to increase intelligence opportunities in relation to drugs offences across all partners.

Every suicide is preventable and each one is a shocking reminder that we must continue to improve suicide prevention action in West Dunbartonshire and throughout the country. This is why the Safe DIG will support the work of the local Suicide Prevention Group to help make West Dunbartonshire a suicide-safer community.

Online harm is an area that has gathered momentum since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, mainly due to more people spending more time online. We have seen an increase in our young people being targeted through Child Sexual Exploitation and this is an area we need to take action on through educating our young people, but also those who care for them to keep themselves safe online.

Incidents of fraud have also increased dramatically since the start of the pandemic. The Safe DIG will ensure we can alert socially isolated members of our community to frauds and will work to increase awareness of this type of crime.

We will encourage enhanced water safety by supporting and monitoring the work being led by the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) in West Dunbartonshire to tackle the number of accidental deaths and water-related suicides that happen each year.

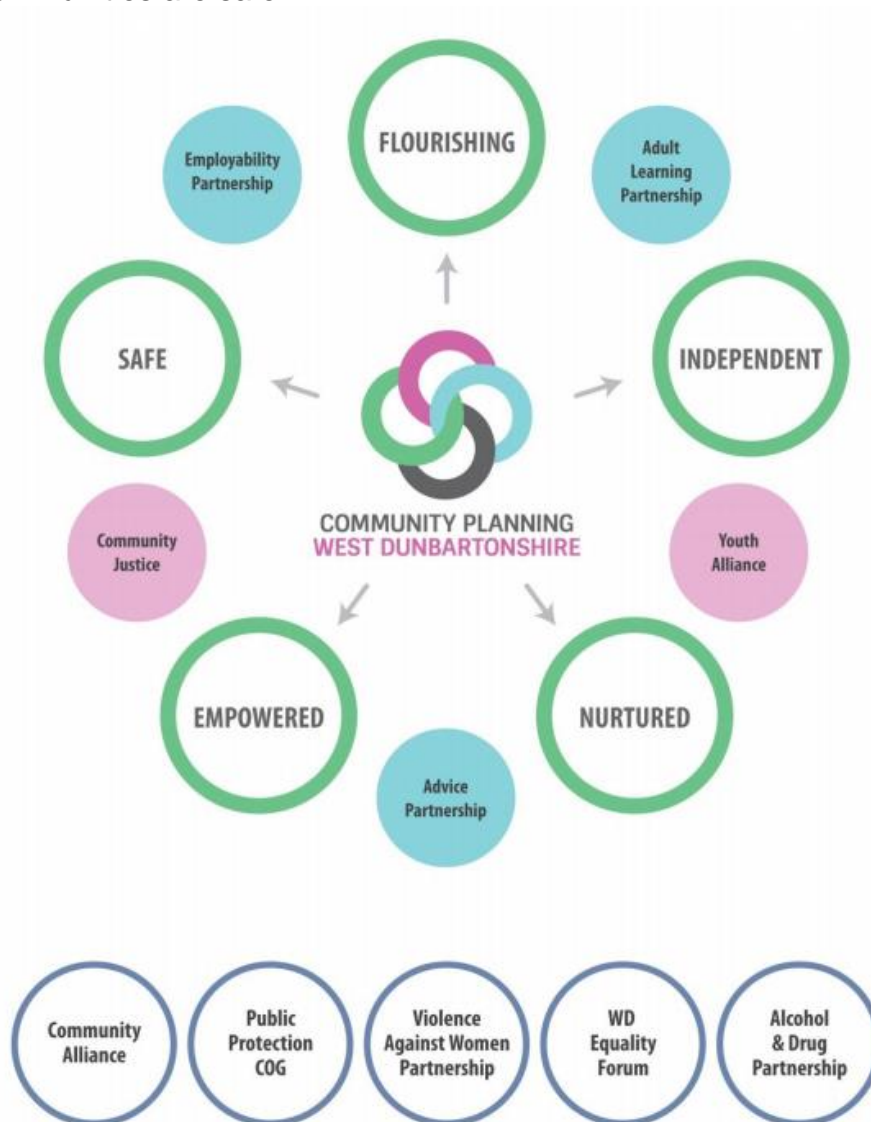
As Scotland faces extraordinary challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is clear that these are, and will, continue to be difficult and uncertain times for many within our communities. The community response to Covid-19 from our communities within West Dunbartonshire has been commendable. Our statutory services have coped with unprecedented demand and change and alongside this, our community organisations and volunteers have been a credit to this area.

Strategic Context

The [West Dunbartonshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027](#) sets out Community Planning West Dunbartonshire's vision for achieving long-term outcomes for communities in West Dunbartonshire. The overall objective is that we work with our citizens to improve outcomes for the communities of West Dunbartonshire.

In order to achieve this overall objective, there are 5 priority local outcomes:

- ✚ Our local economy is flourishing
- ✚ Our residents are supported to remain independent
- ✚ Our children and young people are nurtured
- ✚ Our residents are empowered
- ✚ Our communities are safe



This diagram shows the networks that the Safe DIG has with other partnership groups. The Safe DIG is an integral part of the [Community Planning West Dunbartonshire](#) (CPWD) and focuses its energy on helping to achieve the objectives within the Community Plan.

Partnership Principals

The overall aim of the Safe DIG is to provide a forum where members involved in the delivery of a Safer West Dunbartonshire and related community safety activities can meet to exchange information and discuss matters relating to ongoing community safety activities.

The West Dunbartonshire Safe DIG has the commitment and support of all of its members:

- ✚ [West Dunbartonshire Council](#) (Anti-Social Behaviour, Social Work, Education, Roads and Infrastructure, Resilience, Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership and Community Justice Partnership)
- ✚ [Police Scotland](#)
- ✚ [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- ✚ [West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership](#)
- ✚ [West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership](#)
- ✚ [West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Services](#)

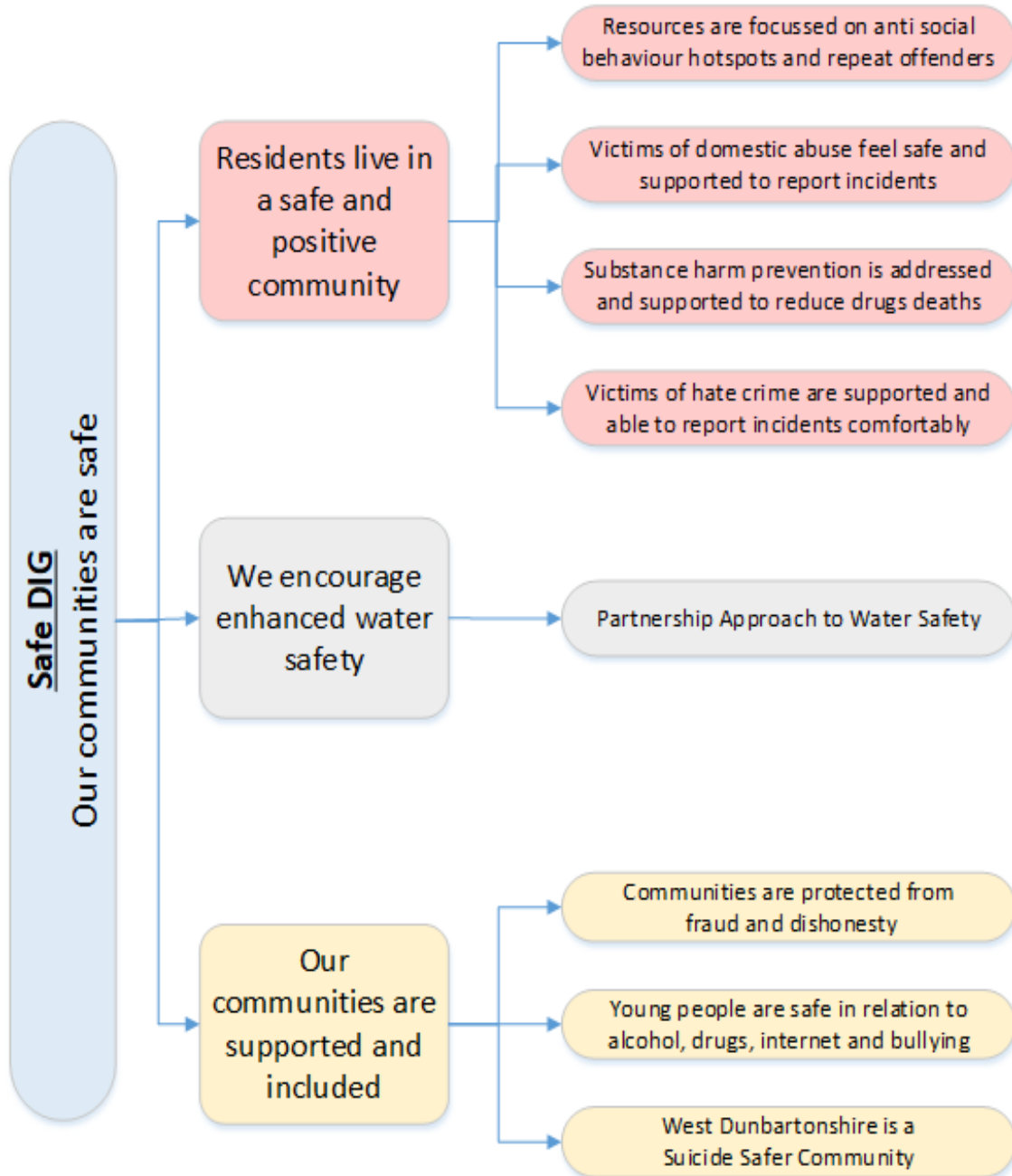
The group will oversee the delivery of this Strategy and provide strategic guidance to the [Community Planning West Dunbartonshire](#) (CPWD) Management Committee, via the Safe DIG Lead, on community safety matters. Successful delivery of the Safe DIG Strategy is dependent not only on support from its members, but also working with our community and voluntary groups who are vital in developing cohesive communities.



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Priorities and Objectives

The West Dunbartonshire Safe DIG Strategy 2021-2023 will focus on the priorities and objectives outlined below which we will monitor through our delivery plan. This will remain fluid through the entirety of the strategy term.



Each Safe DIG action is checked against the thematic areas for Community Planning namely Sustainability (S), Wellbeing (W) and Empowerment (E). This is shown on the undernoted delivery planning in the columns marked S, W and E for ease of reference.

Delivery Plan

Strategic Priorities								
Priority 1 – Residents live in a safe and positive community								
Objective What do we want to achieve	Actions What are we going to do	S	W	E	Lead & Key Partners	Timescales When we will do this	Outcome Measures How we will know we are achieving	Progress Report
1a – Our resources are focussed on tackling anti-social behaviour and violent offenders, reducing impact on people and places	Target resources to resolve specific ASB and repeat offenders, work in partnership to ensure the ASB multi agency sub group receive referrals to tackle those causing harm to communities	✓	✓	✓	ASB Housing Police Scotland Environmental Health	April 2021- April 2022	% cases resulting in effective interventions.	NP - Reported via ASB tasking to DIG
	Establish if the Positive Outcome Project (POP) would be suitable in West Dunbartonshire		✓	✓	Community Justice HSCP Police Scotland	Oct 2021	Through a test of change, produce a paper for consideration on a pilot for a Positive Outcome Project in West Dunbartonshire	NP - Reported via ASB tasking to DIG
	Work collaboratively to encourage reporting of domestic abuse incidents		✓	✓	Police Scotland VAWG Partnership CJ Partnership Social Work WDCVS	April 2021- April 2022	Monitor the number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police, and the methods for reporting	NP - No Home for Domestic Abuse (NHDA) staff attend MAAC and will take actions to support victims of DA
1b – Victims of domestic abuse feel safe and supported to report incidents	Ensure all victims of domestic abuse are supported and that offenders are robustly managed		✓	✓			Monitor the support mechanisms for victims through both statutory and voluntary services	LE - Medics Against Violence provided an input to local vets in Argyll. Letters sent to WD vets to offer this same input, however no response were been received.

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1c – Substance harm prevention is addressed and supported	Ensure adequate provision of statutory and third sector support for those affected by drug misuse	✓	✓	✓	Police Scotland ADP Housing Comm Justice HSCP	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of drugs deaths	LE - Discussions ongoing regarding Near Fatal Overdose referral pathway through Turning Point Scotland as funded by Scottish Government.
	Ensure an appropriate means of intelligence transfer exists from all partners to Police Scotland	✓	✓	✓			Increase opportunities to capture community intelligence in relation to illegal drug activity.	LE - Promotion of Crimestoppers intelligence reporting has been shared on social media and through Neighbourhood Watch Scotland to WD established schemes.
1d – Increased public confidence to report incidents of hate crime, and all victims are fully supported.	Work in partnership to identify and deliver training to suitable Keep Safe places and Third Party Reporting Centres throughout West Dunbartonshire		✓	✓	Police Scotland WDCVS Social Work ADP	April 2021- April 2022	Increased reporting of hate incidents via Keep Safe and Third Party Reporting centres.	LE - Police Scotland PSYV have secured funding for 100 new business packs and have been in communities promoting Keep Safe to try and recruit new premises.
	Work in partnership to promote Dementia Friendly West Dunbartonshire and Herbert Protocol		✓	✓	WDCVS Police Scotland Social Work Health		Increased training opportunities for Dementia Friendly	LE - CPWD roadshows have highlighted this work to key partners around Dementia as good practice of community planning in action.

Strategic Priorities

Priority 2 – We encourage enhanced water safety

Objective What do we want to achieve	Actions What are we going to do	S	W	E	Lead & Key Partners	Timescales When we will do this	Outcome Measures How we will know we are achieving outcomes	Progress Report
2a – Enhanced safety at water based locations in West Dunbartonshire	Establish a Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) for West Dunbartonshire to identify and take forward key priorities	✓	✓	✓	SFRS Police Scotland ASB	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in accidental drowning Contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide	NP - funding has been secured and site visits to identify locations have been completed. 21 locations will now see Public Rescue Equipment (PRE) at Balloch Park. These will be maintained by WDC and partners. All PRE will be GIS mapped and locations forwarded to emergency services. Pictorial signage will be procured and installed at said locations. PRE now being installed and signage to follow.

Strategic Priorities

Priority 3 – Our communities are supported and included

Objective What do we want to achieve	Actions What are we going to do	S	W	E	Lead & Key Partners	Timescales When we will do this	Outcome Measures How we will know we are achieving outcomes	Progress Report
4a – Communities are better protected from fraud	Create comms strategy for fraud prevention messages, ensuring inclusion of all vulnerable groups		✓	✓	Police Scotland Trading Standards Social Work WDCVS	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of incidents of fraud reported to Police Scotland	LE - Fraud alerts shared on social media as well as through cared for at home network to reach those most at risk and vulnerable. Regularly social media posts for new or frequent MO for frauds.
	Ensure process for multi-agency disruption in relation to bogus callers		✓	✓			Reduction in the number of bogus caller incidents reported to Police	LE - Funding application submitted through WDCVS for call blockers for West Dunbartonshire. Awaiting response.
4b –Young people are safe in relation to alcohol, drugs, online safety bullying	Work collaboratively to deliver education messages within schools and to key partners and community groups		✓	✓	Education ADP WDCVS Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	Percentage of children and young people demonstrating increased knowledge, evidenced through self-evaluation and Curriculum for Excellence Benchmarks in PSE: Substance Misuse	LE - Online CSE event held in August with 21 community groups/individuals in attendance. Key topics included keeping safe online as this is a high risk area. YEO's deployed to schools carrying out inputs on Internet Safety, No Knives Better Lives and discussions ongoing to develop Pitching In initiative that will raise awareness of hate crime.
4c – West Dunbartonshire is a Suicide Safer Community	Support the work of the Suicide Prevention Group through comms strategies and networking		✓	✓	HSCP Social Work WDCVS Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of suicides	LE - Discussions ongoing regarding development of Distress Brief Intervention Associate programme for West Dunbartonshire focussing on ages 16-24yrs. This will provide a referral pathway to SAMH for early intervention.

