



COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

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

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: 12 August 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** Per previous update provided at last meeting on 13 May 2021, members of the Safe DIG agreed that whilst the current objectives were still relevant and threats/risks faced by communities within West Dunbartonshire, a revised focus was appropriate taking into account new concerns and issues that have emerged during COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.2** The group agreed that the Local Outcomes delivered through the Safe DIG moving forward should be refreshed, whilst ensuring outcomes also consider

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wider Equality, Wellbeing, Sustainability and Empowerment aspect 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 Fire raising 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

4.3 Following the above described discussion with Safe DIG members, a revised Action/Delivery plan has been compiled, and a draft copy will be circulated 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.

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

5.1 The “Partnership Approach to Water Safety West Dunbartonshire 2021” proposed action plan was considered and approved at the Community Planning Management Board on 13 May 2021, objectives being to:

- 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) is now established within West Dunbartonshire, having held two planned group meetings since March 2021. Significant work has been undertaken and ongoing to fit and replace safety equipment and signage at existing and new sites. The group also met for post incident debrief in May 2021, following the tragic death of male at Clyde & Forth Canal, Clydebank, this meeting considered any additional safety measures required at these locations or learning from these incidents and follow up actions will be discussed at next PAWS meeting.

5.3 A Communications Strategy has been established to align social media accounts across all partners, and Water Safety inputs available to deliver in education establishments by school teachers. This learning package went live on 26th April 2021.

5.4 Full connectivity has been made with the West Dunbartonshire Suicide Prevention Group and PAWS Group for locations of concern involving water-related suicide.

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5.5 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.

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: **Partnership Water Safety Group Plan 2021**

Background Papers: **None**

Wards Affected: **ALL**