

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 10 DECEMBER 2018.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kirsteen Sullivan, David Dodds and Charles Kennedy; Graham Hope (Chief Executive, WLC), Graeme Struthers (Depute Chief Executive, WLC), Tim Ward (Senior Manager, Children and Families, WLC), Alison Smith (Customer Service Manager, Housing, WLC), Yvonne Beresford (Policy & Performance Officer, WLC), David Lockhart (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service); and Alun Williams (Police Scotland)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTE

The Board noted the Minute of the Community Safety Board held on 4 June 2018. The Minute was thereafter by the Chair.

3. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STEERING GROUP MEETING

The Board noted the Minute of the Community Planning Steering Group held on 14 May 2018.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing information on a range of statistics across a range of initiatives and across partner organisations.

Yvonne Beresford, the council's Policy and Performance Manager provided the board with an overview of the performance indicators and proceeded to highlight significant issues in some of the indicators.

It was noted that some of the indicators relating to NHS had not been updated; this was due in part to NHS having changed the manner in which the data was collected. However contact had been made with NHS Lothian with a view to having these figures updated in the near future.

The Board were also advised that in relation to indicator cssp2ASBHC02 (Publicity to raise the profile of Hate Crime's and Incidents) this had not been updated as whilst work in this area continued data on the subject matter was no longer being collected due to changes to service delivery which in turn had had an impact on availability of personnel.

The Chair then invited Tim Ward, Senior Manager, Children and Families comment on those statistics pertaining to social work.

The Board were asked to note the content of the performance report.

Decision

1. To note the content of the performance report;
2. To note the work being done to populate those indicators pertaining to NHS; and
3. To agree that with regards to the recording Hate Crimes and Incidents officers were to review the collation of data in this area.

5. BONFIRE/FIREWORKS 2018

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an overview of the multi-agency preventative activities within the West Lothian area during the Bonfire/Firework period 2018.

The Board were advised that prior to the commencement of the bonfire period a number of multi-agency meetings took place as part of the planned strategy to raise awareness of the potential dangers of bonfires and fireworks. Community Safety Partners were involved in the following initiatives as part of the multi-agency approach :-

- SFRS targeted educational inputs were offered and delivered to all secondary schools and provided engagement to 4461 pupils;
- All primary schools were provided with interactive educational resources through GLOW;
- SFRS delivery of educational inputs to primary schools within areas known to be problematic, identified through the Community Safety Unit Bonfire analytical product – Letham Primary School and Greenrigg Primary School;
- SFRS supplied awareness raising posters to all schools; and
- WLYAP engagement with local youths within West Lothian

The report continued by providing details of the initiatives that were undertaken by the partners and included removal of unlicensed bonfires; trading standards visitations to premises selling fireworks; and joint bonfire patrols with SFRS and Police Scotland. It was noted that many of the areas targeted for patrols were intelligence led from Police Scotland and included Blackburn, Whitburn, Livingston, Fauldhouse Mid and East Calder, Broxburn and Bathgate.

The report continued to provide information on the community engagement that had also taken place including good use of social media and safety advice through partner organisations web sites.

The Board were also advised of a couple of notable incidents that had occurred; one in George 5<sup>th</sup> Park, Blackburn and the other in Kirkton

Campus, Livingston, with further details contained in the report.

The report concluded that a further multi-agency review would be undertaken and could cover a number of areas including those bonfires removed; personnel encountering ASB; hospital admissions and education carried out. This analysis would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.

#### Decision

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To note the successful partnership working between SFRS, Police Scotland and West Lothian Council over the bonfire/firework period; and
3. To note that a further analysis on the prevention programme would be brought back to the next meeting of the Community Safety Board.

#### 6. WEST DRIVE

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing a summary of West Drive 2018.

The Board were advised that West Drive was a road safety initiative aimed at educating young road users and reducing road casualties. The target audience was 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils who attended each of the 11 West Lothian High Schools and Academies.

Over the last ten years the initiative had been held annually and had been well attended.

In 2018 the West Drive event was held in Inveralmond Community High School on 28, 29 and 30 August with each day seeing different schools attend for a half day input. Each session was then separated into two parts; the first was based around a theatre production presented by Baldy Bane Theatre Group, followed by a presentation by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Spokes and Karen Kefferty, whose son was killed in a road accident. The second session involved indoor and outdoor activities including Police Scotland carrying out reaction tests, Highway code quizzes and activities with "beer goggles".

In terms of budget the Board were advised that there was no budget provided by the Community Safety Unit to facilitate the event however there were associated costs which were covered through other sources. This included the Baldy Bane production being funded through Road Safety Scotland at a cost of £250,000 for the annual programme.

Previously the Community Safety Unit had paid the transport fees for each of the schools however it had been agreed prior to implementation this was no longer feasible. Therefore each school took responsibility for provision of their own transport which came from their own budgets.

There was no cost associated with the use of Inveralmond Community High School. The school also provided lunch to the presenters and organisers as they did not have to cover transport costs.

It was anticipated that there would be no change to the Community Safety budget situation in 2019 and early indications were suggesting that Road Safety Scotland would not be funding a theatre production for 2019.

The report also explored options on the choice of venues for future events, ensuring attendance at future events was at maximum capacity and those partners participating and presentation content, noting what worked well and what could be done differently/better.

The report continued by suggesting that if West Drive were to continue then a full review should be carried out in respect of the existing partnership and additional support should be sought from other agencies as well as additional avenues of support from existing agencies.

Following West Drive 2018 consultation was carried out and each school was asked to submit feedback on the event. Of those attending 147 responses were received. The overall perception of the event was that it had had a direct impact on participants in making them a safer and more responsible driver. A link was also provided in the report where further detailed analysis on the event could be found.

The report concluded that West Drive was a popular event and it would appear from feedback and anecdotal evidence that it had had an impact on young drivers. Police Scotland data indicated that there had been a reduction in road casualties from 482 in 2016/17 to 416 in 2017/18 and whilst this was not down to West Drive alone it could be considered a contributing factor.

West Drive could not continue in its current form in 2019 however the Community Safety Unit remained committed to running West Drive and meeting the needs of young drivers in West Lothian.

The Board was asked to note the terms of the report and the proposals contained within with support being sought to allow the Community Safety Unit to move forward with the project.

#### Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To agree that a report setting out the proposals for West Drive in 2019 would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.

#### 7. DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2019-22

The Board considered the Community Safety Plan 2019-2022 (copies of which had been circulated) by the Community Safety Partnership.

The Board were advised that the plan had been developed following a

Community Safety Strategic Assessment which was undertaken in mid-2018 as this was the most accurate way of processing all available data through the Partnership. This included community information, feedback and concerns from community groups and meetings from across the West Lothian communities. The Plan would ensure that the partnership would continue to focus on achieving the objectives set out in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The priority areas for the Partnership over the next three years were :-

- Community wellbeing
- Antisocial behaviour
- Violence
- Serious and organised crime
- Counter terrorism

These priorities would form a framework around which the Community Safety Partnership could align resources and take action to make a positive difference in West Lothian.

The plan continued by providing the details that sat behind each of the five priorities and included a range of performance indicators that would be monitored and managed by all the partners. The legislative context of the plan was also outlined in the report.

It was noted that a number of performance indicators had still be developed particularly in relation to mental health and wellbeing. It was also noted that once developed it was intended that these would be reported on an annual basis however the Board expressed a preference to have these reported on a quarterly basis.

The Board were asked to note and approve the contents of the Community Safety Plan 2019-2022.

#### Decision

1. To approve the contents of the Community Safety Plan 2019-2022; and
2. To agree that once the P.Is for Mental Health and Wellbeing had been developed by health colleagues then these be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis

#### 8. PROPOSED SAFER COMMUNITY MEETING DATES FOR 2019

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Policy and Performance Manager advising of dates for meetings of the Board in 2019. They were as follows :-

- Monday 11 March 2019 at 2pm
- Monday 3 June 2019 at 2pm
- Monday 16 September 2019 at 2pm
- Monday 9 December 2019 at 2pm

If these dates were approved by the Board then the following dates were proposed for the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group :-

- ❖ Tuesday 12 February 2019
- ❖ Tuesday 14 May 2019
- ❖ Tuesday 20 August 2019
- ❖ Tuesday 12 November 2019

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report