







# Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2021-2023 Argyll and Bute

## Introduction

Our renewed Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2021-2023 sets out our strategic priorities and how the partnership plans to bring together our resources to ensure that Argyll and Bute is a safer place to live, work and visit.

The Community Safety Partnership has four priorities:

-  We live in a safe and positive community
-  We encourage safer road and water use
-  Our natural and built environment is protected
-  Our communities are supported and included

Whilst our priorities remain similar to those contained within the previous Strategy (2016-2020), we have included updated challenges within these priorities to reflect both national and local concerns.

The concerning number of drugs deaths is something that affects service users, families and wider communities. Addressing this within Argyll and Bute, the Community Safety Partnership will work to increase intelligence opportunities in relation to drugs offences across all partners as well as supporting the number of naloxone kits and training supplied within our communities. This will all be with the aim of reducing the number of drugs deaths within Argyll and Bute.

Every suicide is preventable and each one is a shocking reminder that we must continue to improve suicide prevention action in Argyll and Bute and throughout the country. This is why the Community Safety Partnership will now monitor the number of suicides in Argyll and Bute and will work to support the local Suicide Prevention Group to help make Argyll and Bute a suicide-safer community.

Incidents of fraud have increased dramatically since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The biggest increase is in relation to social engineering frauds. This is due to people being at home and being more reliant on telephone and internet for daily life. The Community Safety Partnership 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 have amended our focus to not only monitor road safety, but also water safety, to recognise the number of accidental deaths and water-related suicides that happen each year. This will allow us to help people enjoy living, working and visiting Argyll and Bute safe in the knowledge that road and water safety is a priority for the area.

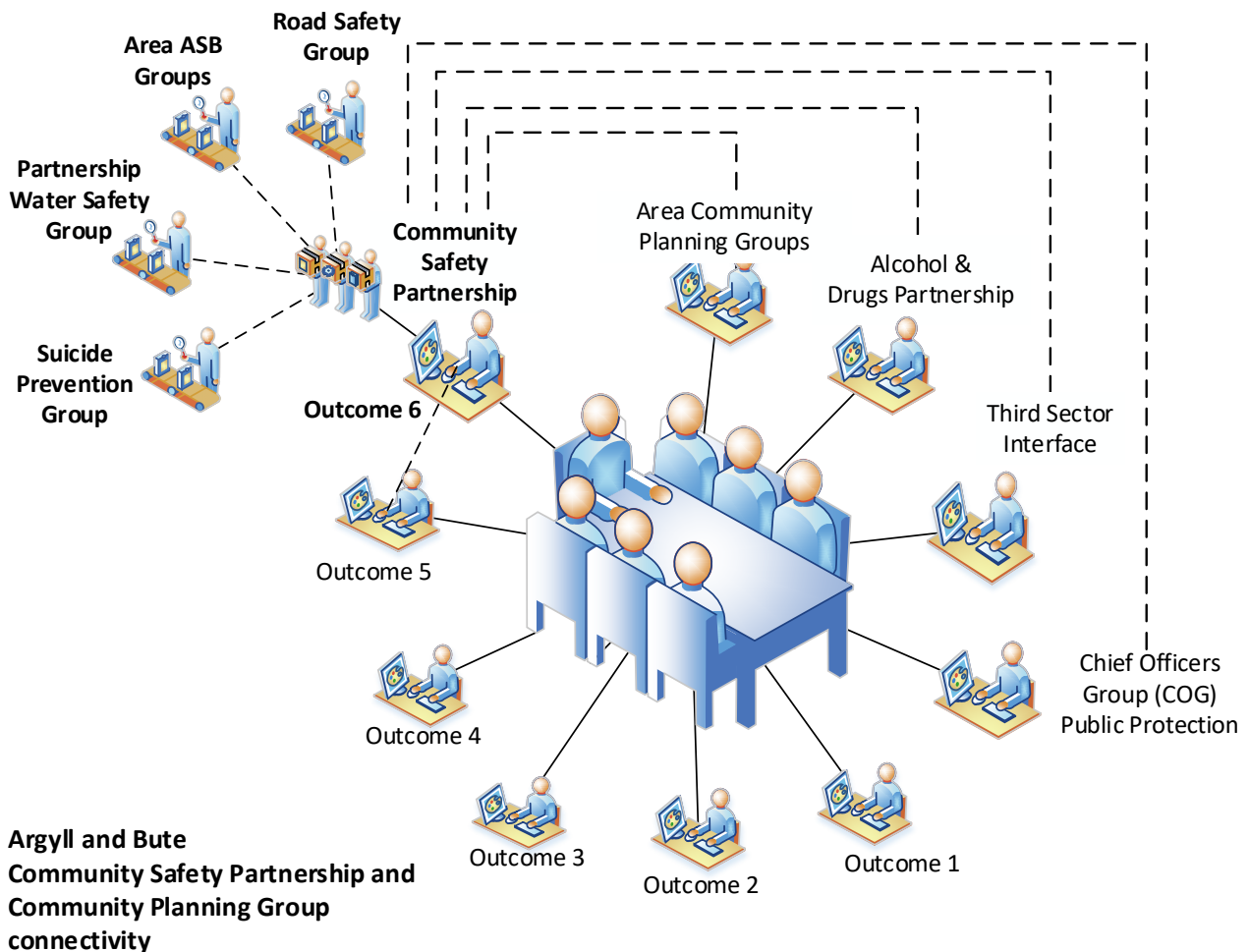
As Scotland faces extraordinary challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is clear that these are, and will, continue to be difficult and uncertain times for many within our communities. The community response to Covid-19 from our communities within Argyll and Bute has been commendable. Our statutory 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 [Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-2023](#) sets out the Community Planning Partnership's vision for achieving long-term outcomes for communities in Argyll and Bute. The overall objective is that Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population.

In order to achieve this overall objective, there are 6 long term outcomes:

- ✚ Outcome 1 – The economy is diverse and thriving
- ✚ Outcome 2 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth
- ✚ Outcome 3 – Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all
- ✚ Outcome 4 – Children and young people have the best possible start
- ✚ Outcome 5 – People live active, healthier and independent lives
- ✚ Outcome 6 – People live in safer and stronger communities



This diagram shows the networks that the Community Safety Partnership has with other partnership groups. The Community Safety Partnership is an integral part of the [Community Planning Partnership](#) in Argyll and Bute and it focuses its energy on helping to achieve the objectives within Outcome 6 of the Community Plan.

## Partnership Principals

The overall aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to provide a forum where members involved in the delivery of Outcome 6: People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities and related community safety activities can meet to exchange information and discuss matters relating to ongoing community safety activities.

The Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership has the commitment and support of all of its members:

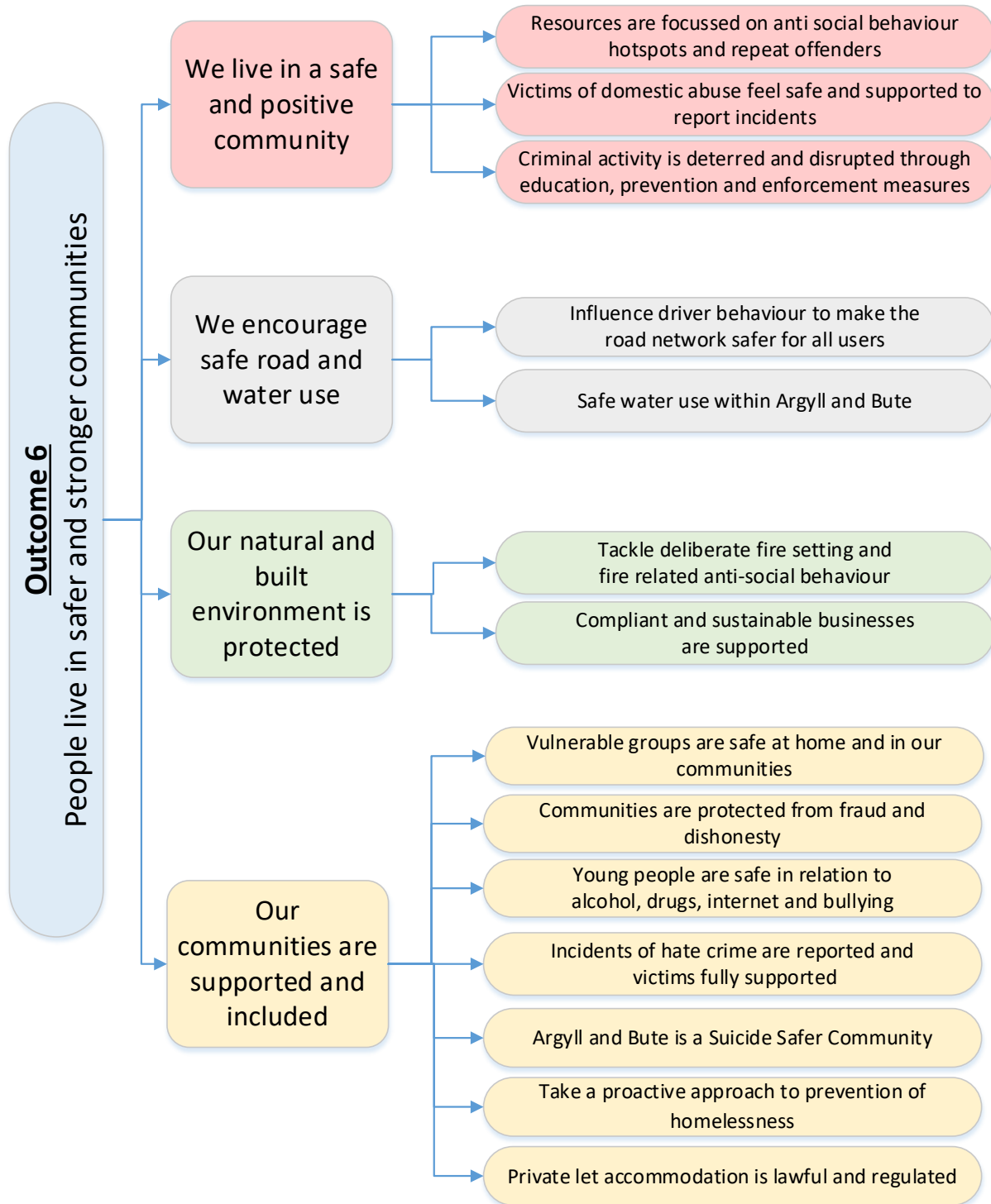
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Council](#) (Housing, Legal, (Anti-Social Behaviour) and Regulatory Services, Adult Protection, Education and Community Justice)
- ✦ [Police Scotland](#)
- ✦ [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- ✦ [HM Coastguard](#)
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership](#)
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Area Anti-Social Behaviour Groups](#)
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership](#)
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership](#)
- ✦ [Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface](#)

The group will oversee the delivery of this Strategy and provide strategic guidance to the [Community Planning Partnership Management Committee](#), via the Outcome 6 Lead, on community safety matters. Successful delivery of the Community Safety Partnership 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.



## Priorities and Objectives

The Community Safety Partnership 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.



By closely monitoring the delivery plan, the Community Safety Partnership can act on emerging threats or challenges presented throughout Argyll and Bute as well as look at new initiatives or projects to address these.

Delivery Plan

<b>Strategic Priorities</b>					
<b>Priority 1 – We live in a safe and positive community</b>					
<b>Objective</b> What do we want to achieve	<b>Actions</b> What are we going to do	<b>Lead &amp; Key Partners</b>	<b>Timescales</b> When we will do this	<b>Outcome Measures</b> How we will know we are achieving outcomes	<b>Progress Report</b>
1a – Our resources are focussed on anti-social behaviour, hotspots and repeat offenders	Target resources to resolve specific antisocial behaviour (e.g. noise etc) and where appropriate, work in partnership to ensure local Anti-Social Behaviour ( ASB) sub groups receive referrals to tackle those causing harm to communities	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b> Housing Police Scotland Environmental Health	April 2021- April 2022	Monitor the number of cases referred to ASB sub groups	
				% of community noise complaints investigated and resolved	
				% of ASB cases resolved	
	Establish if the Positive Outcome Project (POP) would be suitable in Argyll and Bute	<b>Community Justice</b> HSCP Police Scotland	Oct 2021	Through a test of change, produce a paper for consideration on a pilot for a Positive Outcome Project in Cowal	
1b – Victims of domestic abuse feel safe and supported to report incidents	Work collaboratively to encourage reporting of domestic abuse incidents	<b>Police Scotland</b> VAWG/CJ Partnership Adult Protection Child Protection TSI	April 2021- April 2022	Monitor the number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police	
	Ensure all victims of domestic abuse are supported and that offenders are robustly managed			Monitor the reporting and support mechanisms for victims through both statutory and voluntary services.	
1c – Criminal activity is deterred and disrupted through education, prevention and enforcement	Ensure adequate provision of statutory and third sector support for those affected by drug misuse	<b>Police Scotland</b> ADP Housing Comm Justice HSCP Regulatory Services	April 2021- April 2022	Intelligence opportunities are increased specifically in relation to drug offences	
	Provide training and awareness to all partners to encourage intelligence reporting			Reduction in the number of drugs deaths	
	Ensure an appropriate means of intelligence transfer exists from all partners to Police Scotland				

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<b>Strategic Priorities</b>					
<b>Priority 2 – We encourage Safer Road and Water use</b>					
<b>Objective</b> What do we want to achieve	<b>Actions</b> What are we going to do	<b>Lead &amp; Key Partners</b>	<b>Timescales</b> When we will do this	<b>Outcome Measures</b> How we will know we are achieving outcomes	<b>Progress Report</b>
2a – Influence driver behaviour to make the road network safer for all users	Target resources where casualty statistics identify a need for intervention	<b>Police Scotland</b> SFRS Education	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads	
	Provide education to those most at risk of death or seriously injured on roads				
2b – Safe water use within Argyll and Bute	Establish a local Water Safety Plan	<b>HM Coastguard</b> Police Scotland Argyll and Bute Council SFRS Scottish Ambulance Service	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of maritime, coastal and inland water based incidents	
	Establish Argyll and Inner Hebrides Water Safety Group to identify and take forward key priorities				

<b>Strategic Priorities</b>					
<b>Priority 3 – Our natural and built environment is protected</b>					
<b>Objective</b> What do we want to achieve	<b>Actions</b> What are we going to do	<b>Lead &amp; Key Partners</b>	<b>Timescales</b> When we will do this	<b>Outcome Measures</b> How we will know we are achieving outcomes	<b>Progress Report</b>
3a – Tackle deliberate fire setting and fire related anti-social behaviour	Ensure education and engagement with young persons to raise awareness of the dangers of fire	<b>SFRS</b> ASB Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of deliberate fires and fire related ASB incidents	
3b –Business are safe and complaint for public and employees	Target activity ensuring compliance with safety measures including food safety and health and safety	<b>Environmental Health Trading Standards</b> SFRS	April 2021- April 2022	Maintain and where possible increase, the % of compliant businesses	
	Ensure businesses and communities are Covid Safe.	<b>Environmental Health Trading Standards</b> Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	High level of business compliance following assessment (%)	

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<b>Strategic Priorities</b>					
<b>Priority 4 – Our communities are supported and included</b>					
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4a – Vulnerable groups are safe at home & in our communities	Ensure appropriate risk assessment to determine those at highest risk of home fires	<b>SFRS</b> Adult Protection Police Scotland Housing	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in house fires	
	Enable partners to make referrals for home fire safety visits				
	Raise awareness of accident & injury prevention	<b>HSCP</b> Adult Protection SFRS	April 2021- April 2022	Monitor the % of joint health protection plans	
	Increase number of new and replacement Naloxone kits within the community in order to reduce risk of death from opiate overdose.	<b>ADP</b> SAS	April 2021- April 2022	Increased number of Naloxone kits and training supplied	
4b – Communities are protected from fraud and dishonesty including doorstep crime & cyber fraud	Create a communications strategy for fraud prevention messages, ensuring inclusion of all vulnerable groups	<b>Police Scotland</b> Trading Standards Adult Protection TSI	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of incidents of fraud reported to Police Scotland	
	Ensure process for multi-agency disruption in relation to bogus callers			Reduction in the number of bogus caller incidents reported to Police Scotland	
4c – Young people are safe in relation to alcohol, drugs, internet & bullying	Work collaboratively to deliver education messages within schools	<b>Child Protection</b> ADP TSI 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	
4d – Incidents of hate crime are reported and victims are fully supported	Work in partnership to identify suitable Keep Safe places throughout Argyll and Bute	<b>Police Scotland</b> TSI Adult Protection Education ADP	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of hate incidents reported to Police Scotland	
	Deliver training to Keep Safe Places and Third Party Reporting Centres			Increase the number of Keep Safe Premises and Third Party Reporting Centres	



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4e – Argyll and Bute is a Suicide Safer Community	Support the work of the Suicide Prevention Group through communication strategies and networking	<b>HSCP</b> Adult Protection Child Protection TSI Housing Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction in the number of suicides	
4f – Take a proactive approach to prevention of homelessness	Monitor the number of homeless split by area.	<b>Housing</b> Police Scotland VAWG Partnership ASB ADP	April 2021- April 2022	Reduction of number of homeless in each area (MAKI, OLI, B&C, H&L*)	
	Monitor the number of homeless presentations as a result of domestic abuse and other resulting harassment.				
	Monitor the number of households with dependent children presented as homeless.			% of positive outcomes for people securing accommodation	
4g - Private let accommodation is lawful and regulated	Registration of private landlords and determination of applications and renewals	<b>Environmental Health</b> Police Scotland	April 2021- April 2022	% of registered landlords	
	Investigation of complaints regarding standards				

*\*MAKI -- Mid Argyll , Kintyre and the islands, OLI -Oban, Lorn and the Islands, B&C- Bute and Cowal , H&L- Helensburgh and Lomond.*

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