

**SUBJECT: SOA Monitoring Report – Community Safety Theme Group**

**1 Purpose**

To update the East Lothian Community Planning Board on progress in achieving the Community Safety outcomes.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Board notes progress towards achieving the Community Safety outcomes.
- 2.2. That the Board notes developments in relation to the Community Safety context that are likely to be relevant in terms progress.
- 2.3 That the Board considers the issues identified below.

**3 Background**

3.1 The Safer East Lothian Working Group (SOA Community Safety Theme Group) met on 9<sup>th</sup> of November with representatives of the relevant partner agencies. Participants provided six-month updates on progress against the Community Safety related SOA outcomes. An opportunity was provided to highlight any issues that had emerged and to flag up any issues on the horizon.

3.2 Membership of the Working Group has developed since the original SOA Community Safety Planning Group; the Criminal Justice Service Manager and Violence Against Women Strategy Coordinator now sit on the group. Although there is no elected member representation on this Working Group, it does report to the Community Safety Forum which is chaired by an elected member. Further consideration will be given to how the business of the Community Safety Forum is aligned with this SOA Theme Group.

3.3 The Community Safety Strategic Assessment should be completed by the end of the year and will help to inform discussion of Community Safety outcomes as we move towards 2010/11.

**3.4 Progress on Community Safety Long Term Outcomes**

**1. Fewer people in East Lothian will be the victim or cause of crime or antisocial behaviour.**

- There has been an increase in ASB litigation and developments in terms of instigating Criminal ASBOs.
- Chronologies are being developed for young people involved in ASB (in liaison with Youth Justice) – this is very much in line with the GIRFEC approach.

**2. Everyone living in, working in or visiting East Lothian will be safer.**

- There continues to be a drive on delivering crime prevention messages in the light of the current rise in acquisitive / opportunist crime.
- East Lothian Living Community Safety supplement contained a range of community safety messages – work is underway to have more community safety info available on-line.

**3. East Lothian roads will be safer for all road users.**

- Current road safety priorities include focussing on young male drivers and on drivers using mobile phones.

#### 4. Fewer people will be affected by Hate Crime.

- Police have recently produced a three-year Problem Profile for Hate Crime. Hate Crime remains a standing item at the Police daily TAC.

#### 5. Fewer people will be affected by domestic abuse.

- A Violence Against Women Coordinator is now in post.
- The East Lothian Sexual Abuse Service is at a pilot stage – operating a waiting list and tying in with the appropriate agencies.
- ASBOs are being actively considered for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

#### **Issues for Consideration by the Board**

- The Violence Against Women Strategy Coordinator post is funded until the end of the current financial year. This post has been funded by the CSF budget for a number of years and it is questionable whether the CSF will agree further funding. It would seem appropriate to consider mainstream funding for this post with the possibility of this becoming a joint post with Midlothian. There is also discussion of the VAW remit becoming part of a wider People Protection Unit.
- The availability of statistics in relation to VAW has been flagged up. The Working Group has resolved this in relation to Police stats, but there remains an issue with Health Service stats.

#### 4 Policy Implications

There are no significant or additional policy implications associated with this report.

#### 5 Equalities Impact Assessment

This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### 6 Resource Implications

- 6.1. Financial – Applications to the 2009/10 Safer East Lothian Fund were required to identify how they contributed to the fulfilment of at least one of the SOA Community Safety outcomes – this approach will be replicated with the 2010/2011 SELF.
- 6.2. Personnel -
- 6.3. Other –

#### 7 Background papers

- 7.1. [Fewer people will be affected by domestic abuse logic model](#)
- 7.2. [Fewer people in East Lothian will be the victim or cause of anti-social behaviour logic model](#)
- 7.3. [Fewer people will be affected by hate crime logic model](#)
- 7.4. [East Lothian roads will be safer for all road users logic model](#)
- 7.5. [Everyone living and working in East Lothian will be safer](#)
- 7.6. [SOA Community Safety Theme Group members \(sub forum of the Community Safety Forum\)](#)

#### 8 Appendices

- None.

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