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## 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

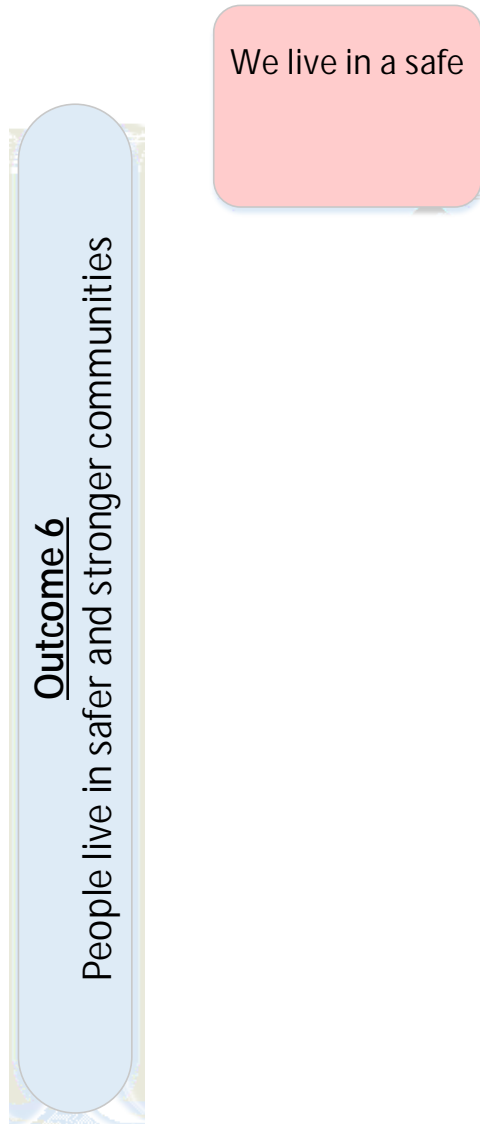
The overall aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to provide a forum where members involved in the delivery of Outcome 6: People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities and related community safety activities can meet to exchange information and discuss matters relating to ongoing community safety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

## 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.





**Strategic Priorities**

**Priority 2 – We encourage Safer Road and Water use**

<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>
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**Priority 4 – Our communities are supported and included**

