

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment Committee

21 January 2015

**Update Report from Community Safety/Environment Outcome Delivery Group
on 21 November 2014**

Report by Executive Director (Environment)

This report informs Committee of the recent Reports presented to the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Group

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The recent meeting of the Community Safety Group on 21 November 2014 considered updated reports in relation to Community Safety and Environment in respect of the action plans for each of the subject areas. The update reports covered the 6 month period from May to October 2014.
- 1.2 In respect of Environment functions, the Group was updated on key recent areas of activity including:
 - On 3 September 2014 the Environment Committee approved the implementation of a [Property Level Protection Scheme](#) which will be carried out in liaison with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and the Scottish Flood Forum. In the pilot area, homeowners will be able to request advice on the selection of suitable flood defence products. The SFRS will carry out a free flood risk survey of properties to identify the main areas where water can enter and will advise on ways of mitigating this risk. The survey will also highlight the amount and type of suitable flood products or protection measures that could be adopted for this, and will also include a demonstration of suitable product samples.
 - Significant work has been undertaken to develop responses to flood risks in Perth and Kinross, as part of the duties on SEPA and other responsible bodies, under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act, to manage flooding in a sustainable manner. The characterisation of catchments, to define existing levels of flood risk, have been undertaken. These reports identify flooding hazards and the risk they present to receptors such as human health, infrastructure, community facilities and residential properties. SEPA has also set objectives for the management of flood risk in potentially vulnerable areas (PVAs), and worked with the Council to develop a shortlist of objectives specific to circumstances in Perth & Kinross. These proposals were to be reported to the Council's Environment Committee, on 12 November, with public consultation planned to commence in December 2014.

- Supplementary Guidance on Green Infrastructure has been completed. This guidance seeks to create safe, sustainable and environmentally friendly housing developments that open up and connect neighbourhoods with each other and to town centres, by creating multifunctional green networks. This Guidance was approved by the Council's Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee on 12 November.
 - In addition Supplementary Guidance on Zero Carbon and Sustainable Construction has been adopted by the Council which will assist in ensuring new development in Perth and Kinross contributes to the reduction of carbon emissions through energy use in the area. Complementary to the Supplementary Guidance, a sustainability checklist has been developed and its use is being monitored for a period of 1 year, ending in October 2015.
 - The Council has commenced the introduction of a pilot scheme (in certain areas) to reduce the available capacity of household general waste bins, by replacing the existing 240 litre general waste bin with a 140 litre bin. Although many residents do their utmost to use recycling and composting services, research has shown that reducing general waste bin capacity encourages a greater use of recycling/composting services. This helps facilitate better use of limited resources, and also saves on expensive landfill costs.
- 1.3 The increase in the number of listed buildings registered at risk has increased to 126, compared to a target of 96 in the Action Plan. A report will be prepared for the Outcome Delivery Group in terms of the options available to tackle this issue further.
- 1.4 The target in the Action Plan for total domestic energy consumption in the Council area, will have to be reconsidered as the Department for Energy & Climate Change advised that they will no longer be gathering this data. Options for a new indicator which we can measure will have to be considered.

2 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Work will carry on with the activities detailed in the Outcome Delivery Action Plan.

3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Work is progressing well across a range of action in the Action Plan.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to:
- i. Note the progress reported to the Outcome Delivery Group meeting on 21 November 2014.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 This report relates to the following outcomes:-

Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

Corporate Plan

1.2 This report relates to the following outcomes:-

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2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Workforce

2.2 The key workforce implication within this report is that of improving into agency operation and broadening staff competencies in order to improve the safety accorded to our citizens.

Assets

- 2.3 There are no implications on Council assets.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This report is relevant to the Equality Act 2010 as it relates to improvement in the protection afforded to more vulnerable citizens.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 There is no specific impact arising from this report.

Sustainability

- 3.4 There is no specific impact arising from this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Depute Director (Housing & Community Care) has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 Those agencies represented on the Outcome Delivery Group have been consulted in relation to the reports to the ODG described within this report.

5. Communication

- 5.1 The communications for these activities have been dealt with through the Outcome Delivery Group.

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 None

