

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership****Hillhead Area Partnership****Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services****Contact: Democratic Services****Safe Glasgow Update****Purpose of Report:**

This report updates the Area Partnership on work related to the Safe Glasgow Group. Further to this, the report informs members of future reports that will detail proposals to take forward the work of Safe Glasgow at Area Partnership level.

**Recommendation:**

Members of the Area Partnership are asked to note the report.

Ward No: 11

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

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# 1 Introduction

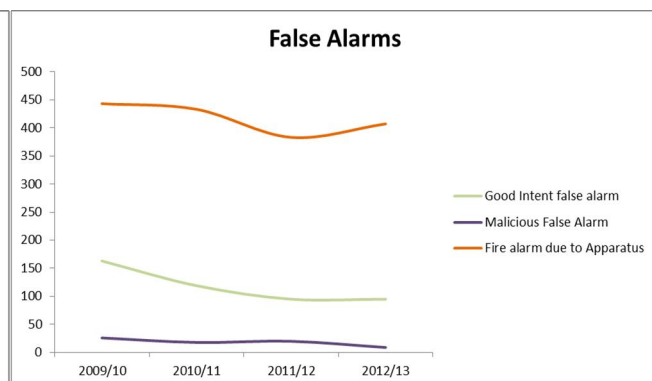
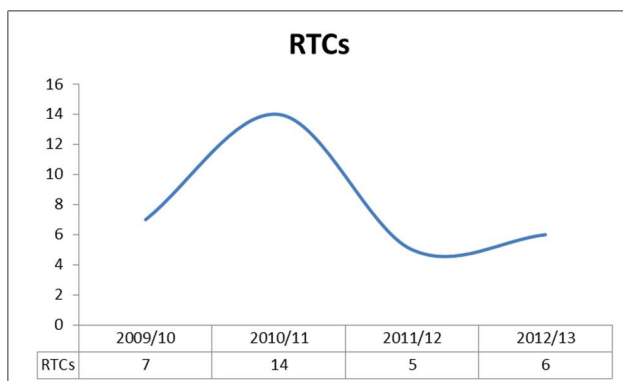
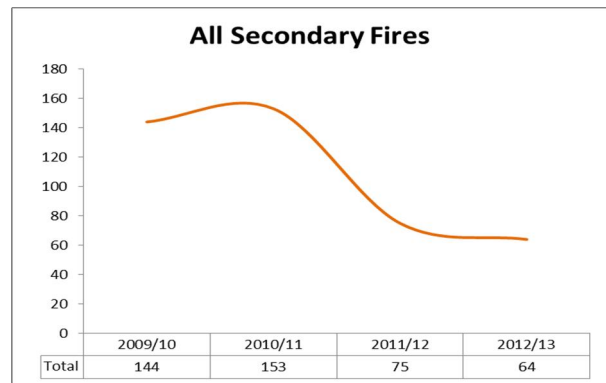
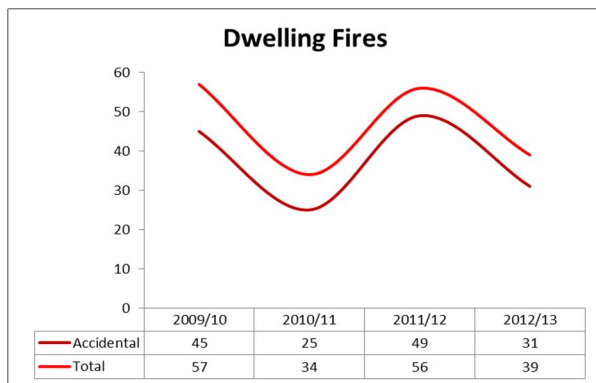
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# 2 Fire & Rescue Statistics / Trends

2.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have undertaken analytical work to ensure that priorities and actions are firmly evidence based. The Glasgow Fire Safety Plan focuses on Glasgow wide issues. These have been identified through intelligence led reports which help forecast emerging trends that may impact upon the local communities within Glasgow. The priorities identified in the Plan are:

- **Reduction of dwelling fires**
- **Reduction of fire casualties and deaths**
- **Reduction of deliberate fire setting**
- **Reduction of fire in non domestic properties**
- **Reduction in road traffic collisions**
- **Reduction in unwanted fire signals (alarms)**

2.2 Further analysis at individual ward level has been undertaken to identify local issues which require attention in addition to the City-wide priorities identified above. For the Hillhead ward the following issues and trends have been identified highlighting local demand on SFRS resources and the delivery of an appropriate response jointly with appropriate community planning partners.



2.3 It is considered that the positive trends above are as a result of targeted resource allocation and effective work in partnership with the community.

### 3. **Police Scotland Statistics / Trends**

3.1 The Glasgow City Local Policing Plan has identified the following key priorities:

**Priority 1 – Tackling Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**

**Priority 2 – Protecting People**

**Priority 3 – Increasing Public Confidence and Local Engagement**

**Priority 4 – Tackling Serious Crime and Responding to National Events**

Within these city-wide priorities the following local priorities have been identified through community consultation.

**1. Assault & Violent Crime**

**2. Housebreaking & Theft**

**3. Drunk and Disorderly Behaviour**

**3. Drug Misuse**

3.2 In response to the priorities identified the following actions have been implemented and resourced:

- Operation Goliath was implemented to tackle violent crime including robberies and saw the creation of the Community Interventions Unit, Dedicated Community Policing Team and Hostel Liaison Unit. Operation Goliath tackled those responsible for committing the offences and importantly provided key assistance to, and focus, on the victims of crime. This operation saw violent crime greatly reduce in the area.
- Operation Fortress saw officers target housebreaking offences in the area. Police Scotland targeted known offenders and ensured that appropriate bail conditions and curfew bail conditions were imposed on those charged and reported to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. This was a partner focussed operation including Glasgow Community and Safety Services, local housing associations and homeless units.
- Joint work has been undertaken to identify those who persistently engage in antisocial behaviour. Use has been made of contact cards to monitor youths involved in the periphery of crime and to conduct joint visits with Glasgow Community & Safety Service and partners in local housing associations.

### 4. **Safe Glasgow Events**

4.1 Throughout May and June 2013, Glasgow Community Planning Partnership held 21 local events, one in each multi member ward of the city, publicising the role of the Safe Glasgow Group; the community planning structure that Glasgow City Council is utilising to perform the role of scrutinising and reviewing the Glasgow Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities plans.

4.2 The local events provided Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue with an opportunity to inform residents of their interim plans and to gain feedback from residents on these plans. Residents were able to have their say about the safe priorities in their community and provide this feedback in a number of ways including:

- Attending events in person
- Dedicated email address
- Dedicated feedback form
- Twitter social media

- 4.3 In addition to Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service being in attendance at the events, Glasgow Community & Safety Services and Glasgow Housing Association also attended the events to enable the community to engage with partners providing services related to the safe priorities. Local Housing Associations were in attendance where appropriate.
- 4.4 A number of communication channels were used to publicise the events and promote attendance at events including a targeted promotion towards Community Councils through their weekly updates from the Community Council Resource Team. All Community Planning partners were informed of the events and asked to publicise as widely as possible. Glasgow City Council promoted the events in a number of ways including emails to Elected Members, use of Council web-page and smartphone app. Land & Environmental Services displayed posters in a number of community notice boards in relevant parks and Education Services distributed information via school newsletters and the 'schoolbag post.' Glasgow Life was also asked to display posters in their facilities. Scottish Fire & Rescue facilitated a press release to all media outlets including press and radio stations, as well as investing a considerable amount of officer time to deliver and display posters and ensure successful delivery of events. Police Scotland utilised contacts to distribute information to religious networks across the Archdiocese, Presbytery and faith groups. Glasgow Housing Association and Local Housing Associations were asked to publicise events to residents. Third Sector Forum was asked to distribute information regarding the vents through the Engage database. Community Planning Partnership Twitter feed (@GlasgowCPP) was used to promote events and this was picked up by a few agencies including Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. Relevant Partnerships and Networks across the city were provided with information and asked to promote to service users.
- 4.5 Priorities identified by residents at the local Safe event and through feedback received in the Hillhead ward were:
- Drug Dealing / Use
  - Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour
  - Environmental Issues
  - Noise
  - Home Fire Safety
- 4.6 These priorities are being currently targeted in the ward by local service providers in a number of ways:
- Drug Dealing / Use* Police Scotland engage daily with partners and with the community to ensure intelligence led policing continues to identify and deal with those involved in drug misuse and drug supply.
- Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour* Police Scotland will continue to target under age drinking and related antisocial behaviour. Community Policing Teams will continue to submit contact cards to allow joint visits to youths to take place. Police officers work closely with local schools in an effort to engage with young people regarding the misuse of alcohol and drugs and the impact of antisocial behaviour on our community.
- Environmental Issues* is related to Neighbourhood Management, discussed later in this report.
- Noise* complaints are dealt with in the ward by a number of partners to challenge those continually involved in antisocial behaviour. Police Scotland continue to work

with local housing associations to target those who persistently behave in an antisocial manner, supporting the use of ASBOs and share information to assist in the early eviction of problem tenants.

*Home Fire Safety* is Scottish Fire & Rescue's number one priority in Glasgow. The primary initiative for reducing dwelling fires is by performing Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs). Any opportunity to increase the number of HFSVs will assist in the reduction of fire fatalities and casualties.

- 4.7 A full report on feedback received on local plans and priorities will be delivered to a future meeting of the Safe Glasgow Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> August for consideration. Further to this, a report will detail:
- feedback on the approach taken;
  - the effectiveness of the events;
  - content of the events and;
  - seek advice on future Community Engagement approaches with regard to Safe Glasgow
- 4.8 This will allow for a further report to be provided to a future Area Partnership as detailed below.

## **5. Neighbourhood Management**

- 5.1 Two of most commonly identified priorities across the city were Environmental Issues and Vandalism/Graffiti which is addressed through the Neighbourhood Management approach. A comprehensive report on Neighbourhood Management will be provided to a future Area Partnership meeting, of which Safe Glasgow will be an aspect.

## **6. Council Strategic Plan Implications**

*Economic Impact:* None

*Sustainability:* None

*Financial:* None

*Legal:* None

*Personnel:* None

*Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:* None

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 Members of the Area Partnership are asked to note the report.