



Antisocial Behaviour Strategy consultation

The draft three-year Antisocial Behaviour Strategy is now out for public consideration with a consultation event kicking off the process.

The 'invitation only' event took place on 4 February 2010 and utilised workshops to discuss aspects of the draft strategy and encourage constructive comments from attendees.

The event was well attended with representatives from the City of Edinburgh Council, Lothian and Borders Police, NHS Lothian, the Procurator Fiscal Service, Registered

Social Landlords and the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

The public will be invited to consult on the draft strategy through an advert in the Metro newspaper.

The draft strategy is available in full (with accompanying summary) on our website at

www.saferedinburgh.org.uk

Hard copies can be provided on request by contacting the Antisocial Behaviour Specialist Unit on 0131 529 7543 or by visiting your local library or local CEC Neighbourhood Office.

Feedback and comments should be submitted by 9 March 2010 by e-mail: **antisocialbehaviour@edinburgh.gov.uk**

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Following the consultation, the final draft will be submitted to the CEC Health and Social Care Committee in May 2010 for approval and then to lead signatory agencies boards for approval. Once approved, the strategy will be formally launched in June or July 2010.

What's Their Excuse?

- "It's your fault, you made me do it"
- "I told you not to wear that"
- "I only did it because I love you"
- "I told you not to buy that"
- "It's for your own good, you need to learn"
- "I told you not to go out"
- "I only did it because I had a drink"

Domestic abuse...there is no excuse.

Whether it's you, or someone you know, you can get help

Scottish Women's Aid (24hr helpline) **0800 0271234**
Lothian and Borders Police **0131 311 3131**
Edinburgh Women's Aid **0131 315 8110**
Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre **0131 556 9437**
Shakti Women's Aid **0131 475 2399**

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Domestic abuse ... there is no excuse!

15 February 2010 sees the launch of the Violence Against Women Partnerships advertising campaign aimed at raising awareness of issues relating to domestic abuse and publicising sources of advice and assistance.

Following on from last year the campaign will encourage the reporting of domestic abuse and challenge excuses often used by perpetrators of domestic abuse.

The campaign is specifically targeting victims of domestic abuse along with their friends and family (including children).

In doing so the partnership want to raise awareness of the impact domestic abuse has on not just the victim but the victims wider social network.

Discreet bus ticket and mirror vinyl advertising along with radio adverts and adverts both inside and outside of buses will let people know that there is no excuse for domestic abuse and that anyone suffering with domestic abuse can seek help.

Funding to protect Domestic Abuse Victims

People at risk of domestic abuse are set to benefit from added security measures thanks to funding from the Partnership.

Over £16,000 will go towards co-ordinating joint working between the council, police, fire service and support agencies.

The work will help those at risk of domestic abuse by installing practical safety measures in their homes and working with a range of agencies to ensure a co-ordinated response to improve safety, security and support.

The rollout of these measures follows on from a successful pilot initiative known as 'Safe as Houses'.

The new money will go to:

- installing discreet alarms which can alert police and record critical evidence
- adapting homes to improve security such as fitting security lighting and door bolts
- increasing staff training for domestic abuse cases.

Councillor Paul Edie, Community Safety leader for Edinburgh, said: "People have a right to feel safe in their own homes and the extra security measures this money will provide will go a long way to achieving this. If victims have to move homes because of domestic abuse the emotional and financial effects can be enormous. Parents have to change their children's schools, families have to abandon their established social networks and end up living in fear. We have to do everything in our power to tackle the cycle of domestic abuse and the devastation it can wreak on ordinary people's lives."

Christmas Presence is a Success

British Transport Police, Lothian and Borders Police, Essential Edinburgh, the Scottish Ambulance Service and The City of Edinburgh Council are celebrating the success of joining forces throughout December for the third year of 'Operation Astrodome' (Safer Streets).

Building on the model adopted in previous years a range of initiatives were put in place to; combat alcohol related violence and disorder, help people get home safely after a night out and bolster public reassurance through a highly visible presence.

Funding for the initiatives came from a grant of £24,242 which the ECSP secured from the Scottish Government Safer Streets 2009-10 Fund with match funding being provided from partners existing budgets.

Lothian and Borders Police data indicates that the crime rate dropped by 29 per cent in the city centre during December 2009 when compared to the average for the same period over the last three years.



Approximately 88 litres of alcohol were seized from under-18s and officers from Lothian and Borders Police and CEC Environmental Wardens made regular patrols of 'hot spot' areas throughout the duration of Operation Astrodome.

Bus passengers and drivers also hailed the success of transport initiatives in which Lothian and

Borders Police and LRT Route Managers undertook gateway checks on buses entering the main arterial routes to monitor youth disorder on public transport. British Transport Police also conducted safe journey inspections.

CEC Licensing Standards Officers and Police Officers from the Edinburgh Licensing Standards Initiative made over 400 visits to clubs and off sales premises which were well received by traders and licensees.

The officers were very pleased with the majority of licensed premises as they were working effectively with police in reporting incidents of young people trying to purchase alcohol.

Overall, it was judged that the excellent partnership working had resulted in a noticeable and positive difference in the conduct of people within the city centre.

Egyptian Deputation

Sharing our good practice

On Wednesday 16 December 2009 three Chief Prosecutors from Egypt were given a joint presentation on the Capital Partnership Model by Graham Drummond, Acting Community Protection Manager, and Inspector Gavin Phillip of T Division Safer Communities Division.

The Prosecutors who represent the Cairo, Huzgada and Aswan offices/regions were keen to learn about how partnership working is delivered at a strategic and operational level across the city.

To overcome the language barrier an interpreter of Moroccan descent provided the translation service.

The presentation focussed on information sharing, governance arrangements, neighbourhood partnerships and most importantly the working of the Tasking and Co-ordinating Groups.

The presentation was well received and stimulated an interesting question and answer session.



Photograph from left to right: Graham Drummond CEC, Yasser Refaie, Chief Prosectotor, Cairo, Mohamed Ramadan, Huzgada, Gavin Phillip Lothian and Borders Police, Zeim Badawi, Aswan.

Control Strategy

In the last issue of Safer Edinburgh we advised that action plans for each of the six 2010-11 community safety priorities were being developed. These plans were presented and approved by the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership at its meeting on 2 February.

A brief overview of the six plans are detailed below:

Violence – focuses mainly on delivering the EVRP strategy including VAW, street and alcohol related violence.

ASB – reducing antisocial behaviour; improving intelligence; and targeting known offenders.

Public Protection – raising awareness linked to public protection across Edinburgh neighbourhood areas; enforcing existing legislative provisions in relation to child protection, adult protection and offender management.

Terrorism – reducing the risk of engaging in violent extremism or terrorism; increasing the capability of dealing with terrorist incidents; and reducing vulnerability.

Drugs – preventative work with schools and communities; gathering intelligence; and disrupting drug supplies.

Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) – reducing opportunity for SOC groups to operate; improving intelligence; and targeting criminals who cause the most harm to communities.

In each of the future newsletters we will focus on a different priority providing an update on progress and details of activities undertaken.

Suzanne's Standing out from the Crowd

December saw our Information Officer, Suzanne Loughton, win a CEC Stand out from the Crowd award for her 'Can Do – Has Done' attitude.

The event took place in the Edinburgh Conference Centre with finalists and their nominator being treated to an Oscar-style ceremony.

Suzanne was nominated by Jacqui Doig, her manager, in recognition of the hard work and commitment she puts into supporting our team, our partners and the ECSP.

Jacqui advised the panel that "On a daily basis Suzanne demonstrates not only her 'Can do' approach but a 'We need to do' attitude which enables timely delivery of service and on occasions improvements in service. Suzanne doesn't always

believed she has the skills to 'Can do' but when asked to undertake a task she is always positive and seeks to find 'How to' by soliciting appropriate support and guidance. The result is she 'Has done' to exceptional standards."

Her colleagues in the CSSU were delighted that Suzanne's work has been recognised in this way with colleagues supporting her application stating that she goes out of her way to provide appropriate services to members of the CSSU team, other teams and external partners.

Competition was fierce and to quote the second round judges: "It was a very difficult task to select the winners from the finalists chosen by the first round judges".

Consequently we are delighted that Suzanne's efforts have been recognised in this way.



Photograph from left to right: Suzanne Loughton, Information Officer, and Jacqui Doig, Community Safety Strategy Manager.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams are being phased in across the city from the 1 March 2010.

Initially the new teams will be trialled in South and East Neighbourhoods over a six month period with the intention to roll out to other Neighbourhoods there after creating 17 teams providing seven day coverage over four shifts.

These teams will enhance the existing community policing activities within Edinburgh and will be key in assisting Lothian and Borders Police and The City of Edinburgh Council tackle antisocial behaviour, youth crime

and quality of life issues for local communities.

Whilst there will no longer be a dedicated Community Beat Officer for each beat, there will now be a team of officers that are dedicated to each ward.

The CBO and Neighbourhood Action Unit Officers making up these new teams will remain in their current communities to ensure continuity.

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams will focus on locally identified concerns and issues, reducing crime and the fear of crime within their ward. They hope to increase public confidence

in policing and improve public satisfaction with the service they deliver.

The nature of engagement activity means we expect there to be a rise in the volume of recorded crime in the months following the introduction of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

We believe this can be attributed to increased intelligence and interaction with local communities, and we welcome this in the expectation that crime will decrease in the longer term as we hope solvency rates will rise.



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