



COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

Community Safety Strategy
of Kilkenny City RAPID AIT
/ Sub group on Community
Safety

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Executive Summary

- The national RAPID Programme is now clearly focused on seven strategic themes. Community Safety is one of the themes launched at the National Conference in January, 2008. These themes will enable RAPID Kilkenny to undertake our work more effectively by re-focusing and re-utilizing our time and our commitment to the programme. This sub-group will re-evaluate and re-focus work leading to clearer, focused involvement and delivery at local level. This strategy promotes a high level of local ownership which will lead to effective implementation and achievability of our strategies and our actions.

Mission, Vision and Values Statement

- That each individual and community has a right to live their life in a pleasant, safe environment, have right of access to necessary services, facilities and opportunities and to be supported in the fulfillment of their reasonable aspirations and potential, to adhere to Agenda 21 principles focusing on promoting sustainable development

Underlying Principles of Community Safety Strategic Theme Sub Group

- **Better Service delivery** ~ to improve service delivery and filling the gaps identified in existing service provision
- **Community Participation** ~ to involve community in development of all plans and all actions
- **Service integration** ~ to improve the co-ordination of services to service users ~ to identify existing services and how they can best interlink
- **New Investment** ~ to identify new projects and funding for projects based on local need
- **Leadership** ~ Gardai will take a lead role in implementing the plan through the chairing of this sub-group

Members of Sub Group

- Sgt Gary Gordon, Gardai
- Supt Pat Mangan, Gardai
- Pat McAuley, Comm Rep
- Ray Scanlon, Comm Rep
- Anne Maria Walsh, Local Authority
- Gladys Bowles, Comm Rep
- Sheila Donnelly, Comm Rep
- Ciaran Cormican, Fire Officer
- Martina Comerford, Rapid Co-ordinator

Community Safety ~ Kilkenny

- Community safety is a complex issue. It is an outcome rather than a service, although it is strongly influenced by the quality of service delivery. Community safety relates to people's sense of personal security and to their feelings of ease in the places that they live, work or spend leisure time. It affects how people value their neighbourhood, and is a major part of what makes a neighbourhood a good or a bad place to live. Improving community safety is the responsibility of a number of local agencies, in particular the local authority, the gardai and local residents. This sub-group has identified the following priority objectives in consultation with local residents to tackle the issue of Community Safety in each RAPID Area of Kilkenny.

Objectives

1. To create environments on estates through partnership where people feel safe and protected and are free from harassment and Anti-Social behaviour.
2. To Encourage community participation in taking ownership of the enhancement of their estates and keeping them clean safe and aesthetically pleasing
3. To Involve Youth Groups to take pride in their estates, through education and awareness programmes and organised activities for young people
4. To identify causes of anti-social behaviour and address the needs of young people living in RAPID Neighbourhoods
5. To identify vulnerable people living in RAPID communities, address their needs and fears in order to improve their quality of life

Profile of Services

TEMPLATE ONE								
STRATEGIC THEME - PROFILE OF SERVICES & FACILITIES								
RAPID AREA: KILKENNY CITY		STRATEGIC THEME: COMMUNITY SAFETY		SUB GROUP LEADER: SUPERINTENDENT P MANGAN				
NAME OF SERVICE/ FACILITY	FOCUS OF SERVICE	COVERAGE PROVIDED	TARGET GROUP/ SERVICE USERS	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	GAPS IN PROVISION	ABILITY TO EXPAND Y/N	POSSIBLE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS	COMMENTS
STATUTORY SERVICES & FACILITIES								
Gardai	Community Safety	24 hour coverage - 7 days a week	The Community	Core Government Funding	Community has identified the need for more Community Gardai in the Rapid Areas	Y	Increase in the number of Gardai attached to the Community Policing Unit and therefore an increase in the presence of Gardai on mountainbikes and foot.	Committee members asked if Reserve Gardai could patrol with the Community Gardai?

Kilkenny Borough and County Councils	Housing, estate management, community services	Mon - Friday 9-5, with emergency cover by Fire Service.	The Community	Core Government Funding	Individuals to take ownership over maintaining their estates, estate clean-up's, regular clean-up of estates by councils.	Y	Use of courses for residents in taking ownership of the enhancement of their estates and keeping them clean and astetically pleasing.	More frequent cleaning of estates by Councils was raised by the members
VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES								
Resident Groups on Council Estates	To instill a sense of community on estates involving all residents.	Newpark Close x1, The Butts x 1, Eastern Environs residents, Hebron Park Community Committee, Bishop Birch Place Community Action Group.	Local Residents	Dormant Accounts. Estate enhancement grants, Sustainable Community Funds, Internal Capital Receipts.	No such groups in other estates.	Y	Introduce model from existing estates to other estates where no groups exist.	Introduce model from existing estates to other estates where no groups exist.
Neighbourhood Watch	Promoting community safety on estates.	Newpark Close x 1, Ossory Park x 1.	Local Residents	Own funding with small budget from An Garda Siochana for postage and printing of minutes.	only running on two Council estates - Expand into others in the City.	Y	Introduce model from existing estates to other estates where no groups exist.	Introduce model from existing estates to other estates where no groups exist.

No Name Club. (Two Community Gardai sit on the Committee)	Providing alcohol free activities for young people and promotes awareness of alcohol free enjoyment.	Kilkenny City and County.	Young people under 18 years of age.	Fundraising.	None	Y	Promote existence of the club to invite new members.	Raise awareness through interaction with young people.
1 Community Development Project and two Family Resource Centres.	Providing a range of services in areas of high unemployment and social issues.	Kilkenny City.	Providing a range of services in areas of high unemployment and social issues.	Dept. of CRAGA, HSE, Combat Poverty, VEC, FAS, etc.	Those identified by each project in their Needs Analysis.	Possible.	New needs constantly being identified.	Liaise with committee of projects.
Voluntary Run Community Centres (NotFRC's or CDP's)	Providing youth services to young people between 6 and 17years of age. Supports development of estates under Estate Enhancement Programme and Estate Management.	Bishop Birch Community Centre, Hebron Park Community Centre (Being refurbished), Millenium Court CC and O'Loughlin Court CC.	The Community.	Own fundraising, Kilkenny Co. Council, VEC, CRAG, Dept.of Environment and KCAN.	Those identified by each project in their Needs Analysis.	Yes.	New needs constantly being identified.	Liaise with committee of projects and groups..

Actions / Projects

TEMPLATE TWO							
STRATEGIC THEME - STRATEGY/ ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE							
RAPID AREA: KILKENNY CITY		STRATEGIC THEME:COMMUNITY SAFETY		SUB GROUP LEADER: SUPERINTENDENT P MANGAN			
STRATEGIC AIMS/ KEY ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY	PROJ. NUMBER	ACTIONS/ PROJECTS	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER STAKEHOLDERS	PROJECT TYPE*	PROJECT COST (IF RELEVANT)	FUNDING SOURCE
To create safe environments on estates through partnership where people feel safe and protected and are free from harassment and Anti-Social behaviour.	KK/CS/01/08.	To Support and progress the Hebron~Garringreen CCTV Project.	Joint leadership between the Gardai and Kilkenny County Council	Residents of Hebron Park, Garringreen and O'Loughlin Court, Millenium Court, Rosewood, Residents Groups, Kilkenny Gardai and the FRC's in the area	New investment	Will be costed when identified.	CCTV scheme, Dept. of Justice.
	KK/CS/02/08.	Investigate further expansion of Community CCTV Project for other Rapid Areas in Kilkenny City	Joint leadership between the Gardai and Kilkenny County Council	Local Residents	New investment	Will be costed when identified.	CCTV scheme, Dept. of Justice.

	KK/CS/03/08.	Carry out survey in each RAPID Estate to identify areas which could be improved by "Designing for crime" and submit findings to Local Authority in order to deal with areas where Anti-Social Behaviour takes place	Gardai / Local Authority / Local Drugs Task Force	Local Residents	service integration		existing resources
	KK/CS/04/08.	Establish Neighbourhood Watch /Community Safety Committees in all RAPID Estates in Kilkenny City	Gardai and Local Residents		community participation	minimal	support budget
To encourage community participation in taking ownership of the enhancement of their estates and in keeping them safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing	KK/CS/05/08.	Continue to prioritise work under Estate enhancement and traffic calming measures for RAPID Areas following consultation with local residents.	local Authority	Local Residents	New investment	as per budgets	estate enhancement la revenue budget/ hes dept budget
	KK/CS/06/08.	To continue to support and build the capacity of local residents groups to enable residents to have a stronger voice in matters relating to their community	AIT	all Residents of RAPID Areas	community participation		community support budget
To encourage and Involve the Youth in RAPID areas to take pride in their estates, through education and awareness programmes and organised activities for young people.	KK/CS/07/08.	Support the education of young people on the effects of Anti Social Behaviour on society, families and the individual.	An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council.	Arts Office. VEC. Community Groups, KCAN and residents of estates.	New investment	Will be costed when identified	Anti Grafitti Programme and similar ventures

	KK/CS/08/08.	Support existing programmes such as children in trouble /copping on. Prevent Graffiti by providing a mural wall for the youth to decorate through art workshops.	An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council.	Arts Office. VEC. Community Groups, KCAN and residents of estates.	New investment	Will be costed when identified	Anti Grafitti Programme
Identify the causes of Anti Social Behaviour and the needs of young people living on RAPID estates.	KK/CS/09/08.	To ensure the provision of youth worker support to young people in areas of highlevels of disadvantage. Investigate the possible use of student gardai or obtaining a community warden project for Kilkenny RAPID Areas	Ossory Youth/FRC's/KCAN/Rapid	Sporting organisations, youth organisations and residents.	New investment	Will be costed when identified	Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
	KK/CS/10/08.	Facilitate young people to identify their own needs and issues in relation to their routines and their behaviour	local Authority	FRC's, Local Residents	community participation		community support budget
	KK/CS/11/08.	Priorise the needs of young people arising from needs analysis and take necessary action					
	KK/CS/12/08.	Apply for funding for a RAPID Community Mini bus to be operated by the Gardai and to be utilised for all youth and community groups in Kilkenny City promoting interaction between the Gardai, the youth and the communities in the RAPID areas.	An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council and local communities.			Will be costed when identified	Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

<p>To Identify vulnerable people living in RAPID estates/areas and identify there needs and fears and take action as identified.</p>	<p>KK/CS /13/08.</p>	<p>Identify vulnerable people living in the community and have the Community Gardai visit them on an ongoingbasis and to link in with their families, their community and statutory agencies who deliver services to them, to improve their quality of life (database)</p>	<p>An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council and local communities.</p>				<p>from existing garda resources</p>
	<p>KK/CS /14/08.</p>	<p>Liasion between the Gardai and Kilkenny Local Authority on the roll-out of free smoke alarms for the elderly.</p>	<p>An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council and local communities.</p>		<p>New investment</p>	<p>grant aided</p>	<p>Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.</p>
	<p>KK/CS /15/08.</p>	<p>To launch Community Garda Outreach offices in Community Centres, to be staffed by Community Gardai for one morning a week on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council and local communities.</p>	<p>HSE Community Services</p>	<p>New investment</p>	<p>Will be costed when identified.</p>	<p>To be identified.</p>
	<p>KK/CS /17/08.</p>	<p>Investigate future technological links between Kilkenny Local Authorities and the Gardai to improve community safety using both agencies existing IT Systems ~ GIS /PULSE ~ investigate emerging local trends emerging e.g domestic violence/ drug seizures etc..and act accordingly</p>	<p>An Garda Siochana and Kilkenny County Council and local communities.</p>		<p>service integration</p>	<p>Will be costed when identified.</p>	<p>existing resources</p>

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