

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors D Pover, R Brock, J Giacobazzi, A Grant, G Laing, A MacLellan, A Munro, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and M Williamson.

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); K McNamara, The Environment Service; J Gilruth, J Irons, J Newton, J McOmish (all Housing and Community Care); Superintendent J Leslie and Chief Inspector A McCann (both Tayside Police), Group Manager R Middlemiss and Area Manager D Stapley (both Tayside Fire and Rescue); C Smith and R Whetton (both the Improvement Service); C Flynn and L Brown (Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor J Coburn

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

163. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 30 January 2013 (Arts. 38-44) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 19 November 2012 was submitted and noted.
- (iii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 19 November 2012 was submitted and noted.

164. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION – "REDESIGNING THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE SYSTEM"

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/128) outlining details of the Scottish Government's consultation on the Community Justice system in Scotland – "Redesigning the Community Justice System" and providing a suggested response to the consultation.

John Newton, Service Manager (Community Safety) gave a short presentation on the consultation response.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/128 be noted.

- (ii) The suggested response to the consultation as detailed at Appendix II of Report 13/128 with its emphasis upon local coordinated support and supervision, be approved.

165. FIRE SAFETY REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/129) outlining the proposal to work more closely with the Tayside Fire and Rescue Service in the prevention of fire deaths and management of fire risk for older people, particularly those at risk due to frailty and confusion and other vulnerable people in the community.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposal to extend the Community Care assessment to include referral to Tayside Fire and Rescue Service for fire safety assessment with the individuals consent, be approved.
- (ii) The proposal to refer for fire safety assessment at times of critical intervention due to deterioration in functioning with or without consent in line with duty of care, be approved.

166. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES FOR THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AND THE POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND IN PERTH AND KINROSS

The Committee heard a joint presentation by Area Manager Dave Stapley, Tayside Fire and Rescue and Superintendent Jim Leslie, Tayside Police on the management structures for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Service of Scotland in Perth and Kinross.

167. SCRUTINY OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE PLANS

The Committee heard a presentation by Cheryl Smith and Richard Whetton, The Improvement Service on the scrutiny of the local Police and Fire and Rescue plans.

168. VALEDICTORY

The Convener paid tribute to Chief Inspector Andy McCann of Tayside Police for the commitment and dedication he had shown during his time with Tayside Police and on behalf of the Committee wished him every success in his new role on Criminal Justice Reform.