

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 28 August 2013 at 9:30 am.

Present: Councillors D Pover, J Coburn, R Brock, J Giacomazzi, G Laing, E Maclachlan, 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); J Irons, J Gilruth, J McOmish, J Newton and N Rogerson (all Housing and Community Care); J Dixon, D Hutchison (up to and including Art 490) and K McNamara, (all The Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent H Macpherson and Chief Inspector M Whitford (both Police Scotland); Group Manager R Middlemiss and Area Manager D Stapley (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); J Menzie, HM inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 491-493 the Vice-Convener for Articles 487-490.

485. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

486. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 5 June 2013 (Arts. 333-339) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

487. AUDIT SCOTLAND AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICE REPORTS ON FUTURE DELIVERY OF TRADING STANDARDS SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/421) detailing the findings and impact on the future delivery of trading standards in Perth and Kinross of two reports on Trading Standards services in Scotland: (1) "Protecting Consumers", a report by Audit Scotland, and (2) the National Trading Standards Team: Critical Friend Report by the Improvement Service.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcomes of the reports by Audit Scotland "Protecting Consumers" and the Improvement Service Critical Friend in relation to the overall review of Trading Standards services in Scotland be noted.

- (ii) A commitment be given to work with CoSLA, other Local Authorities, Trading Standards Scotland and the Tasking Group Board to improve consumer protection measures currently provided locally and nationally.
- (iii) The request for £7,000 of revenue funding as part of shared developments of programme projects and communications be noted and once further information is available from the Improvement Service the decision on whether to commit that funding be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment).

488. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/422) providing an update on the Animal Health and Welfare Framework in which Perth and Kinross Council's Animal Health and Welfare Section are participating and seeking approval of the Animal Health and Welfare Service Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The work of the animal health and welfare service and its status against the Animal Health and Welfare Framework standard, as detailed in Report 13/422, be noted.
- (ii) The Service Delivery Plan 2013/14, as detailed at Appendix 2 of Report 13/422, be approved.

489. RAISING CONSUMER AWARENESS OF SCAMS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/423) (1) advising of work which had been carried out by the Council's Trading Standards team in relation to Scam Awareness, and (2) detailing priorities for future work.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities of the Trading Standards service in the promotion of scam awareness in protecting communities within Perth and Kinross be endorsed.
- (ii) The key areas for development in 2013/14 be noted.

490. REGULATORY SERVICES IN THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/424) (1) advising of community safety work which had been undertaken by Environment Services' Regulatory Services, and (2) detailing future priorities for the team.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities of the Environment Services' Regulatory Service in protecting communities within Perth and Kinross be endorsed.
- (ii) The key areas for development in 2013/14 be noted.

491. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AT RISK OF OFFENDING IN PERTH CITY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/425) advising of the work undertaken to date to implement the

Offending Women's Learning Service (OWLS) and mentoring service for female offenders in the criminal justice system in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The work of the OWLS project be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report to the Community Safety Committee in six months time.

492. CONSULTATION ON THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-16

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/426) seeking approval of a response to a consultation on the draft Scottish Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan 2013-16 for submission to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Resolved:

The Council response to the consultation on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan 2013-16 as detailed in Appendix II to Report 13/424 be approved for submission to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

493. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Quarterly Performance Report 1 April to 30 June 2013

There was submitted a report by Area Manager D Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (13/427) advising of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in respect of local service delivery in Perth and Kinross for the first quarter of 2013/14.

Following discussion of the performance report and having heard from Area Manager Stapley the Committee:-

Resolved:

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2013-14, as detailed in Report 13/427 be noted.

(ii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results from 1 April to 30 June 2013

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent H Macpherson, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (13/428) updating the Committee on the local policing area performance results for the period 1 April to 30 June 2013.

Following discussion of the performance report and having heard from Chief Superintendent Macpherson, the Committee:-

Resolved:

The local policing area performance results for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April to 30 June 2013 as detailed in Report 13/428 be noted.

(iii) Operational Report Part 1

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector Whitford, Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Community Policing Division (13/429) updating the Committee on operational matters of interest within the Perth and Kinross area in relation to violent crime; drugs, anti social behaviour, domestic abuse, road policing and other significant events.

Following discussion of the report and having heard from Chief Inspector Whitford, the Committee:-

Resolved:

The content of the Operational Report be noted.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

494. Operational Report Part 2

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Chief Inspector Whitford on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area which were not to be made publically available.

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT.

495. National Contingency Plan

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Area Manager D Stapley of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding possible industrial action by members of the Fire Brigade's Union (FBU) and the development of a National Contingency Plan by the SFRS should strike action be taken.