

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 30 January 2013 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors D Pover, R Brock, J Coburn, 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); J Atkinson (Depute Director, Education and Children's Services); J Walker (Depute Director, Housing and Community Care); I A Crichton, J Gilruth, J Irons, J McOmish, J Newton, and D McPhee (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Arts. 40, 42 and 44 and Vice Convener Coburn for Arts. 41 and 43.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

39. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 7 November 2012 (Arts. 545-549) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 27 August 2012 was submitted and noted.
- (iii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 27 August 2012 was submitted and noted.
- (iv) The minute of special meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 10 September 2012 was submitted and noted.

Prior to the commencement of the remaining business:

(i) **Show Racism the Red Card**

The Convener was delighted to announce that David McPhee of Housing and Community Care was to be admitted to the Hall of Fame of the national anti-racism charity *Show Racism the Red Card* in recognition of the exceptional commitment he has shown to the work of the charity's anti-racism campaign over many years.

(ii) **Scottish Police Authority Draft Strategic Plan**

The Convener reported that the Scottish Police Authority had now embarked upon a period of consultation on its Draft Strategic Plan. The draft Plan set out the strategic direction for both the Scottish Police Service and the Scottish Police Authority for the coming year. The consultation closes on 22 February 2013.

40. COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS – ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12 (Art. 258/12)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/50) (1) providing an update on the implementation and operation of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross in accordance with the requirements of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Act (Scotland) 2010, and (2) advising of the overall success in the reduction of reoffending within Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Community Payback Annual Report 2011/12 as submitted to the Scottish Government and the Tayside Community Justice Authority, and appended to Report 13/50, be endorsed.
- (ii) The significant improvement in the reduction of reoffending within Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Report 13/50, be welcomed.

41. PROGRESS REPORT ON YOUTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN 2010/12 (Art. 112/12)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/34) summarising the progress achieved through the Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan 2010/12 and outlining the key challenges and priorities facing the Youth Justice Partnership in the coming year.

Resolved:

- (i) The continuing reduction in youth offending and the progress made by the Youth Justice Partnership in addressing the 2010/12 Strategic Plan as outlined in Section 3 and Appendix I of Report 13/34 be welcomed.
- (ii) The significant contribution made to the work of the Partnership by the third party providers as summarised in Section 4 and Appendix II of Report 13/34 be acknowledged.
- (iii) The progress made in addressing the priorities identified in the Review of Youth Justice Services be noted and the implementation summary as outlined in Section 5 and Appendix III of Report 13/34 be approved.

42. REDESIGNING THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE SYSTEM: A CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS

The Committee heard a presentation by John Newton, Community Safety Service Manager regarding a Scottish Government consultation on proposals for the redesign of the Community Justice System. The Committee was advised that the

consultation would conclude on 30 April 2013 and noted that the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) would submit a report to the next meeting on 20 March 2013 suggesting a response to the consultation.

43. PERTH AND KINROSS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/35) introducing the Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership Annual Report 2011/12.

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership Annual Report 2011/12, as appended to Report 13/35, be endorsed.

44. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSALS FOR LICENSING AIR WEAPONS IN SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/36) introducing the Scottish Government's consultation on proposals for the licensing of Air Weapons in Scotland and recommending a response on behalf of the Council.

Resolved:

The response to the consultation on proposals for the licensing of Air Weapons in Scotland, as set out at Appendix II to Report 13/36, be submitted to Scottish Government.

