

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 August 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Pover, J Coburn, R Brock, J Giacomazzi, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Munro, M Roberts (substituting for Councillor C Shiers), A Stewart, H Stewart, M Williamson and W Wilson (substituting for Councillor Simpson).

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, C Johnstone, M Notman and N Rodgers (all Housing and Community Care); J Dixon (The Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent E Smith, Chief Inspector M Whitford, and Constable R Grieve (all Police Scotland); Area Manager D Stapley and Group Manager R Middlemiss (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); B Benson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board and B Barbour, Scottish Police Authority.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Shiers and L Simpson.

The Convener led discussion on Articles 541-544 and 546-548 and the Vice Convener on Article 545.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

541. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies and substitutes were noted as above.

542. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

543. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 21 May 2014 (Arts. 352-361) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**544. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP –
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

**Minute of Meeting of Community Planning Community Safety and
Environment Group**

The minute of meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group of 16 May 2014 was submitted and noted.

Update on the Community Safety and Environment Group

There was submitted and noted a briefing report by the Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/336) providing an overview on a number of areas of activity within the Community Planning Community Safety Action Plan which had been presented to the first meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group.

545. PERTH AND KINROSS RECONVICTION RATES – 2011/12

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/337) detailing the reconviction rates for Perth and Kinross for 2011-12, being the most recent years for which figures were available.

Resolved:

- (i) Community Justice partners extend the partnership work which has yielded continuous improvement and seek to learn from other local authority areas approach to reducing the frequency of reconviction rates.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring forward a further report to Committee in 12 months' time on the reconviction rates for 2012-13.

**546. POLICE SCOTLAND AND SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:
LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Performance Review
2013-2014**

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/338) on the first Annual Performance Review for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which highlighted the progress and achievements the Service had made in the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

In response to a question from Councillor Pover, B Benson of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board spoke of the key challenges for the Service in the delivery of transformation and how this would affect local service delivery. He advised of major work planned by the Service for 2014/15 and of a range of initiatives which would be developed for Perth and Kinross relating to community protection and protecting the local economy. He further advised of a major review of

the retained duty service which was also being undertaken as part of the rationalisation of the Service.

Resolved:

The progress and achievements as detailed in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service first Annual Performance Review Report for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 as detailed in Appendix to Report 14/338 be noted.

(ii) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Service Delivery - Quarterly Performance Report – 1 April to 30 June 2014

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/339) advising of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in local service delivery for the period 1 April to 30 June 2014.

In response to questions from the Committee on Report 14/339, Area Manager Stapley provided further information on: (1) the upward trend in special service road traffic collisions; (2) road safety education campaigns; (3) post incident response recording and, (3) unwanted fire alarm signals.

Resolved:

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities contained in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April to 30 June 2014 as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 14/339 be noted.

(iii) Police Scotland - Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results – 1 April to 30 June 2014

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Smith, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (14/340) providing an update on the performance results for the Perth and Kinross policing area for the period 1 April to 30 June 2014 in relation to Crime Groupings 1 to 4. The report also provided information on: (1) road casualty statistics; (2) major events and planning; (3) community engagement work and the work of community policing teams, and (4) Operation Surge, an initiative which had targeted violent offenders, alcohol/drug related crime and antisocial behaviour in Perth city centre.

In response to questions from the Committee on Report 14/340, Chief Superintendent Smith provided further information on: (1) how armed police officers are used and deployed in Perth and Kinross; (2) the impact of major events on local policing; (3) the increase in the number of detections for drug supply, production and cultivation; (4) community liaison officers in Perth and Kinross and their role and responsibilities, and (5) staff morale within the force.

B Barbour of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) provided details of a complementary programme of review and inquiry on armed policing in Scotland which would be undertaken by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and the SPA. The SPA inquiry would consider the public impact of Police Scotland's decision around firearms deployment, and the level of engagement which had helped to inform that decision. Stakeholders and interested parties would be invited to provide their views and opinions as part of the inquiry process.

Resolved:

The local policing area performance results for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April to 30 June 2014, as detailed in Appendix 4 to Report 14/340, 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.

547. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT – OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

The Committee received and noted a presentation by Group Manager Middlemiss of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area and which were not to be made publically available.

548. POLICE SCOTLAND – LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT – OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Chief Superintendent Smith, Police Scotland, "D" Division, Tayside, on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area which were not to be made publically available.