

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 5 March 2014 at 2pm.

Present: Councillors D Pover, J Coburn, R Brock, J Giacobazzi, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Munro, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan and M Williamson.

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, J Irons, J Newton, M Notman, J McOmish and N Rogerson (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 H Macpherson, Chief Inspector M Whitford, Inspector F McManus and Sergeant A Wilson (all Police Scotland); Area Manager D Stapley and Manager E Baird (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); J Menzies, HM Constabulary for Scotland.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

150. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

151. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

152. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 30 January 2014 (Arts. 48-55) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

153. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/88) advising of the current activities of Perth and Kinross Council's Housing and Community Care Safer Communities Team and the recent integration of the Unpaid Work Team

Resolved:

- (i) The work of the Safer Communities Team for the period April 2013 to December 2013 as detailed in the Performance Report appended to Report 14/88 be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report to the Committee in six months' time.

154. ETHNIC MINORITIES LAW CENTRE

The Convener reported this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

155. POLICE SCOTLAND – SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CONTROL ROOMS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/89) advising of the decision of the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board to reduce the number of control rooms in Scotland.

Resolved:

- (i) The decision of the Scottish Police Authority to establish the following Area Control Rooms and Virtual Service Centres (VCR) be noted.
West Command Area Control – Govan and Motherwell Combined VCR
East Command Area Control – Bilston Glen VCR
North Command Area Control – Dundee ACR
National Command – Inverness ACR
National Virtual Service Centre – Govan, Motherwell and Bilston
- (ii) The decision of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board to reduce the number of control rooms to three, to be located at Blackness Road, Dundee, Tollcross, Edinburgh and Johnstone, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report on the rationalisation of Police and Fire and Rescue contract remits to a future meeting of the Committee.

156. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 – Consultation and Engagement

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/90) advising of the methodology which had been applied to determine the priorities and objectives for inclusion within the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 and the process of engagement and consultation undertaken.

Following discussion of the Report 14/90 and having heard from Area Manager Stapley the Committee:

Resolved:

- (i) The methodology used to determine local priorities and objectives and their relationship to national frameworks and the feedback received through the local consultation and engagement events be noted.
- (ii) The proposed amendments to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2014-2017, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 14/90, be approved.

(ii) Scottish Fire and Rescue Quarterly Performance Report – 1 October to 31 December 2013

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/91) advising of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in respect of local service delivery in Perth and Kinross for the third 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 14/91, be noted.

(iii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results from 1 April 2013 to 31 January 2014

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Macpherson, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (14/92) providing an update on the local policing area performance results in recorded crime and detection rates for violent crime (Group 1); sexual offences (Group 2); dishonesty (Group 3) and vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief (Group 4) for the period 1 April to 31 January 2014.

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 2013 to 31 January 2014 as detailed in Report 14/92 be noted.

(iv) Operational Report Part 1

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector Whitford, Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Community Policing Division (14/93) providing details of policing structure and community engagement in the North Perthshire area.

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

Resolved:

The content of the Operational Report be noted.

157. VALEDICTORIES

The Convener paid tribute to John Newton, Service Manager (Community Safety) and to John Irons, Community Safety Policy Officer for the dedication and commitment both officers had shown over many years to the work of the Committee and the Council in relation to Community Safety. On behalf of the Committee, the Convener wished both officers well in their retirement.

The Convener also paid tribute to Chief Superintendent Macpherson for his support to the work of the Committee and to his excellent service to the people of Perth and Kinross in helping to reduce crime and keep them safe. On behalf of the Committee the Convener wished the Chief Superintendent every success in his new senior role on the Police Scotland National IT Project.

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.

158. Perth and Kinross Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Macpherson, Police Scotland (D) Division, Tayside, (14/94) presenting the Local Policing Plan for Perth and Kinross which outlined the priorities and objectives of the Local Policing Area Commander for the period 2014-2017.

Following discussion and having heard from Chief Superintendent Macpherson, the Committee:

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Local Policing Plan 2014-2017 be noted.

159. Scottish Fire and Rescue Operational Report Part 2

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from E Baird, Group Manager (Perth and Kinross), of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area which were not to be made publically available.

160. Police Scotland Operational Report Part 2

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