

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH on Wednesday, 1 March 2017 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Pover, E Maclachlan, H Anderson, K Baird (substituting for Councillor A Stewart), R Brock, Cowan (substituting for Councillor H Stewart), T Gray (substituting for Councillor M Williamson), G Laing, A MacLellan, A Munro, C Shiers and L Simpson.

In attendance: B Atkinson, Acting Executive Director (Housing and Social Work); C Johnston and J Irons, (both Housing and Community Care); C Flynn and L Brown (both Corporate and Democratic Services); Divisional Commander P Anderson, Superintendent S Mentes and Area Commander M Pettigrew (all Police Scotland); Local Senior Officer C Grieve and Group Manager B McLintock (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); E Osborne, MAPPA Co-ordinator.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Giacomazzi, A Stewart, H Stewart and M Williamson.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

### **134. WELCOME**

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

In terms of Standing Order 13 the Committee agreed that the meeting be recorded for use as part of the elected member development programme following the Local Government Elections in May 2017.

### **135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **136. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 18 January 2017 (Arts. 39-48) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **137. TAYSIDE MAPPA (MULTI-AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS) ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Housing and Community Safety) (17/90) introducing the Tayside Multi-Agency Public Protection arrangements (MAPPA) report for 2015-16. E Osborne, MAPPA Coordinator, spoke to the report.

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**Resolved:**

The Tayside MAPPA Annual Report for 2015-2016, as appended to Report 17/90 be noted.

**138. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Quarterly Performance Report – 1 October to 31 December 2016**

There was submitted a revised report by Area Manager Grieve, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (17/91) on the performance of the SFRS, against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross for the third quarter, 1 October to 31 December 2016, and detailing a number of local community engagement and operational activities undertaken within the reporting period.

In response to a question from Councillor Simpson for more information on the recruitment of retained firefighters, Group Manager McLintock confirmed that there had been 4 national recruitment drives in the last 12 months. Area Manager Grieve reported changes had been made to the recruitment process. If there was no vacancy in the local area the applicant's details were retained and the Service could contact them again should a vacancy arise. In response to a further question from Councillor Simpson, Area Manager Grieve confirmed that training was undertaken at the training facility in Perth, however, staff could also undertake their training at the SFRS facility in Port Lethen, Aberdeenshire or at the National Training Centre in Glasgow.

**Resolved:**

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Perth and Kinross area for the third quarter, 1 October to 31 December 2016, as detailed in Report 17/91 be noted.

**(ii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results – 1 April to 31 December 2016**

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Anderson Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (17/92), on the performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as set out in the Local Policing Plan for the period 1 April to 31 December 2016, and detailing a number of community engagement and operational activities undertaken within the reporting period.

Councillor Simpson noted with concern that road policing officers had issued warnings to 96 drivers during the Police Scotland campaign "Get Ready for Winter" and that of 22 trucks stopped during a national Truck and Bus campaign officers had detected 13 offences and 3 prohibitions had been issued. Area Commander Pettigrew reassured the Committee that a warning

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would not been issued to a driver if a road policing officer considered a more serious offence had been committed.

Councillor Shiers voiced concern regarding the lack of emphasis on rural crime and rural issues within the Scottish Police Authority consultation document on a 10 Year Strategy for Policing. In response the Convener gave a commitment to raise the matter with Nicola Marchant, the Community Safety Committee's link member on the Scottish Police Authority at his next meeting with her and to circulate a note of the outcome of the meeting to the members of the Committee.

**Resolved:**

The performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as detailed in Report 17/92 be noted.

**139. VALEDICTORY**

The Convener announced that Colin Johnston, Head of Adult Social Work and Social Care, was shortly to retire from the Council. On behalf of the Committee the Convener paid tribute to Colin's long service to Social Work in Perth and Kinross, in particular his extensive experience in Adult Social Work Services and his involvement in developing Community Safety Services in Perth and Kinross and the new Community Justice arrangements. He wished Colin a long and happy retirement and presented him with a civic gift on behalf of the Council. Colin Johnston responded in appropriate terms.

**IT IS 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 SCHEDULED 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973**

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

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Area Manager Grieve of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on information which was not to be made publically available.

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

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Divisional Commander Anderson of Police Scotland "D" Division (Tayside) on information which was not to be made publically available.

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