

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Hay Room, First Floor, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors D Pover, E Maclachlan, H Anderson, K Baird (substituting for Councillor A Stewart), A Gaunt (substituting for Councillor L Simpson), J Giacobazzi, G Laing, A MacLellan, A Munro, C Shiers, H Stewart and M Williamson.

In attendance: B Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work); J Handling, R Lyle and S Mackenzie (all the Environment Service); J Irons, C Johnston, M Notman and N Rodgeron (all Housing and Community Care); Divisional Commander P Anderson and Area Commander M Pettigrew (both Police Scotland); Local Senior Officer C Grieve and Group Manager B McLintock (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); B Benson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Simpson and A Stewart.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener introduced Arts. 799-802 and 805-807 and the Vice Convener introduced Arts. 803-804.

799. WELCOME

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

800. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

801. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 31 August 2016 (Arts. 591-601) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

802. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

(i) Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 17 June 2016 was submitted and noted.

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(ii) Community Safety and Environment Group Briefing Paper

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/522) updating the Committee on the current partnership activity within the remit of the Community Safety and Environment Group.

803. HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (16/470), reviewing the performance of Housing and Social Work against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Social Work Six Month Performance Summary for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/470, for their area of specific interest, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/470 had been considered by the Housing and Health Committee on 2 November 2016 and will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2016 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate

804. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/490), reviewing the performance of the Environment Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Environment Services Six Month Performance Summary for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/490, for their area of specific interest, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/490 had been considered by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and the Environment Committee on 9 November 2016 and will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2016 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

805. PERTH AND KINROSS EVENTS SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/523), seeking approval for the introduction of a Perth and Kinross Events Safety Advisory Group policy in response to recommendations made by the National Safety at Public Events Working Group chaired by The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).

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Resolved:

- (i) The adoption of the recommendations made by the COSLA Safety at Public Events Working Group as summarised in Paragraph 1.4 of Report 16/523, be approved.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Safety Advisory Group policy as set out in section 2 and detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 16/523, be approved.

806. REGULATORY SERVICES IN THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE 2015/16 PERFORMANCE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/524) highlighting the community safety work carried out by the Environment Service's Regulatory Services team in 2015/16 and setting out future priorities for the team.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities of the Environment Service and Regulatory Services in protecting communities within Perth and Kinross as detailed in Report 16/524, be endorsed.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to bring back a further report on the work of Regulatory Services to the Committee in twelve months' time.

807. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan

The Committee heard and noted a presentation by Area Manager Colin Grieve, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Strategic Plan 2016-2019.

(ii) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Quarterly Performance Report – 1 July to 30 September 2016

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Colin Grieve, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) (16/525), detailing the performance results of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities, performance indicators and targets contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross for the second quarter 1 July to 30 September 2016.

Councillor Pover referred to the caravan fire at Mains of Errol farm by Perth which had resulted in a fatality and asked for more information on the community safety activities undertaken as a result of that serious incident and what further support would be given to migrant workers coming to the Perth and Kinross area.

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Area Manager Grieve reported that a case study was undertaken following the serious incident with a view to learning lessons to help reduce or eliminate the risk in future. Officers had visited over 40 caravans following the incident and a number of community engagement events had also been held at which officers had spoken to over 300 migrant workers regarding both caravan and personal safety. The service was now looking to develop a document on caravan safety and personal safety for migrant worker and was working with partners on the development of joint risk reduction strategies.

Councillor Shiers asked for an update on retained and volunteer firefighter recruitment and what support was offered to those personnel to enable them to achieve the necessary level of physical fitness and core competency skills required by the Service. In response Area Manager Grieve advised that the recruitment portal was now open all year round having previously moved to a 13 week cycle in 2015. Local Managers could now offer assistance and guidance to potential recruits on the range of core competency skills and physical fitness required for the job.

Resolved:

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities, performance indicators and targets contained in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross for the second quarter of 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/525, be noted.

(iii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results – 1 April to 30 September 2016

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (16/526), detailing the performance of Police Scotland against the priorities contained within the Local Policing Plan for the Perth and Kinross Area for the period 1 April to 30 September 2016.

Councillor Pover noted the crime figures for T in the Park (TIP) 2016 as detailed in Report 16/526 and asked the Divisional Commander provide the Committee with his overall reflections on the 2016 event.

In response Divisional Commander Anderson reported improvements to the traffic management plan had been a significant step forward for local residents. Over 100,000 people had attended over the 3 days and 500 police officers had been on duty each day of the event.

Overall the crime figures were down at TIP 2016 and the figures for serious assault were down significantly on the previous year. The biggest rise had been in drug offences. Extra screening and the use of sniffer dogs had resulted in many more people being caught. Regrettably there had been 2 deaths at the event and 1 other death just outwith the area. The Divisional Commander reflected that in the longer term a debate on public health and education on drugs was required.

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Councillor Gaunt noted that despite the figures recorded for speeding being down on the previous reporting period, speeding motorists were still causing a significant problem in rural areas, particularly for communities living adjacent to the A9 slip roads and the Crieff tourist route. In response the Divisional Commander advised that the ability of motorists to use rat runs would decrease through the redesign of the new A9.

In response to questions from Councillors Anderson and Giacobazzi on the theft of quad bikes, trailers, fuel and other agricultural equipment, Area Commander Pettigrew reported that Kinross-shire and Highland Perthshire had been identified as hot spots for these rural crimes. Police Scotland continued to work on identifying crime patterns and trends to address the communities concerns.

Resolved:

The performance of Police Scotland against the priorities, performance indicators and targets contained in the Local Policing Plan for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April to 30 September 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/526, be noted.

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

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

The Committee received and noted verbal reports from Area Manager Grieve, Local Senior Officer and Group Manager McLintock of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on information which was not to be made publically available.

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

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

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