

ARGYLL, BUTE AND DUNBARTONSHIRES' CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Argyll, Bute and Dunbartonshires' Criminal Justice Social Work Partnership Joint Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 3 February 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Elaine Robertson (Argyll and Bute Council), Gordan Low & Michael O'Donnell (East Dunbartonshire Council) and Gail Casey & Jonathan McColl (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Attending: **Argyll and Bute Council:** Jon Belton, Assistant Partnership Manager and Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer, Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer & Douglas Dunlop, Head of Service (Children, Families, Young People and Criminal Justice), Argyll and Bute Council.

East Dunbartonshire Council: John Fleming, Assistant Partnership Manager.

West Dunbartonshire Council: Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Adrian Gray, Business Unit Accountant; Janine Corr, Accountant and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jonathan McColl (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Freda McShane, Children & Families Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was agreed that the meeting be chaired by Councillor Elaine Robertson. Accordingly, Councillor Robertson assumed the Chair for the duration of the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 9 September 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR PERIOD 7, ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2010

A report was submitted by the Treasurer to the Joint Committee informing on how key elements within the Criminal Justice Partnership are performing against budget for the period ending 31 October 2010.

After discussion and having heard Ms. Corr, Accountant, and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

EVALUATION OF THE SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY DISCLOSURE PILOT

A briefing paper was submitted by the Criminal Justice Partnership Manager on the evaluation of the Sex Offender Community Disclosure Pilot.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

DRUG TREATMENT AND TESTING ORDER: REORGANISATION

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership advising of significant changes made with regard to the delivery of Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTO) in order to affect greater operational and cost effectiveness.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed to note the actions being undertaken to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the DTTO service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDERS)

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership outlining improvements and efficiencies made within the Community Service/Supervised Attendance Orders Team based in Dumbarton.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager in further explanation and in answer to a Member's question, the Joint Committee agreed to note the progress made with regard to this matter and approved the continuing measures to improve efficiency.

RESTRUCTURE OF RESOURCES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE)

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing of structural changes to the provision of criminal justice services in Argyll and Bute.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Belton, Assistant Partnership Manager and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to continue with the current recruitment and resource development plan in respect of Argyll and Bute services' and
- (3) that a further report be presented to the Committee in a year's time to evaluate the new structure.

AGGREGATE RETURN – 2008/2009

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing of the performance and statistical information provided by the Partnership via the Aggregate Return which is also contained in the published Criminal Justice Social Work bulletin for 2008/09.

After discussion and having heard Ms. Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer and relevant officers in further explanation, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) that the Partnership Manager be instructed to continue to monitor trends and patterns in demand.

NORTH STRATHCLYDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY: ANNUAL PLAN 2011/14

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership advising of the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Area Plan 2011/14.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to a Member's question, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the publication and contents of the Community Justice Authority (CJA) Plan 2011/14;

- (2) to request the Partnership Manager to bring the completed Criminal Justice Partnership Planning and Performance Framework measures to give effect to the CJA objectives to this Committee in March 2011; and
- (3) to make representations, as appropriate, to the next meeting of the Community Justice Authority.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY: ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership advising of the publication of the Community Justice Authority (CJA) Annual Report 2009/2010.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

THE NORTH STRATHCLYDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY, MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEARS 2009/10

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing on the contents of the above report.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Fleming, Assistant Partnership Manager in elaboration and in answer to a Member's question, the Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Having heard the Partnership Manager, the following dates, times and venues for future meetings of the Joint Committee were agreed:-

Thursday, 7 April 2011 at 2.00 p.m. (Special Meeting) – Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

Thursday, 9 June 2011 at 2.00 p.m. – Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

Thursday, 1 September 2011 at 2.00 p.m. – Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

Thursday, 8 December 2011 at 2.00 p.m. – Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

The meeting closed at 3.42 p.m.