

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services

Council: 26 April 2006

Subject: Membership of Community Justice Authority

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to request that the nomination of Councillor Rooney as the Council's representative on the Community Justice Authority with Councillor Flynn as substitute, be homologated.

2. Background

- 2.1** Eight Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) have been established across Scotland under the terms of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005. The North Strathclyde CJA comprises the current Criminal Justice Partnership authorities, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute in conjunction with East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde.
- 2.2** The purpose of CJAs is to provide a strategic level of planning, performance management and reporting. The provision of Criminal Justice Social Work Services will continue to be a local authority function.
- 2.3** The CJA takes up its full range of functions and duties in April 2007. Shadow CJA arrangements are in place from 1 April 2006. These arrangements have been implemented against a very tight timescale which includes a requirement for a first CJA meeting to take place in April.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The CJA is made up of one elected member from each of the constituent local authorities.
- 3.2** The first meeting of the CJA has been set for 28 April 2006. Under normal circumstances the Council's representative would have been agreed by full council in advance. However, waiting until this meeting would mean that this council's representative would be unable to participate in pre-agenda planning for the CJA.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Conclusion

6.1 In light of the above and following advice from Legal Services, Group Leaders and Independent Elected Members were asked to agree that the current convenor of the Criminal Justice Partnership Committee, Councillor Rooney be confirmed as the Council's representative and that Councillor Flynn be approved as his substitute. On the basis of the responses received these nominations were approved.

7. Recommendation

7.1 It is recommended that members homologate the nominations of Councillor Rooney as representative on the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority with Councillor Flynn as his substitute.

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Background Papers:

Wards Affected: All

