

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, 9 September 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

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

* Attended later in the meeting.

Attending: **Argyll and Bute Council:** Jon Belton, Assistant Partnership Manager and Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer.

East Dunbartonshire Council: John Fleming, Assistant Partnership Manager and Paula Godfrey, Acting Children & Families Manager.

West Dunbartonshire Council: Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Anne Ritchie, Head of Social Work Services (Operations); Janine Corr, Accountant and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer & Douglas Dunlop, Head of Service (Children, Families, Young People and Criminal Justice), Argyll and Bute Council; Tony Keogh, Head of Social Work, East Dunbartonshire Council and Anne Ritchie, Head of Service (Children and Families and Criminal Justice).

Councillor Donald McIntosh in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 10 June 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

A briefing paper was submitted by the Criminal Justice Partnership Manager in respect of this matter.

A presentation on the briefing paper was then given by Mr. Belton, Assistant Partnership Manager who gave an update on the progress regarding the implementation of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010.

Following a question and answer session, the Committee thanked Mr. Belton for his interesting and informative presentation.

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 terms of the briefing paper.

Note: Councillors Elaine Robertson and Gordan Low entered the meeting during consideration of the above item.

BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR PERIOD 3, ENDING 30 JUNE 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 30 June 2010.

After discussion and having heard Ms. Corr, Accountant in further explanation, the Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

RE-OFFENDING AND RECONVICTION RATES – 2008/09

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing of the Partnership's progress in meeting the national target of reducing re-offending by 2%.

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:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) that the Partnership would continue to evaluate re-offending and reconviction rates using available information and report annually to the Joint Committee in this regard; and
- (3) that the Partnership would continue to reflect the aims and objectives of the National Outcomes and the Community Justice Authority in the Partnership Strategic Plan.

Note: Councillor McColl left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

PROGRESS REGARDING ACTIONS ARISING FROM SWIA INSPECTION IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL: 2008

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on progress on actions arising from the inspection undertaken by SWIA in 2008 of West Dunbartonshire Council's Department of Social Work and Health.

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

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership advising of progress with regard to effecting improvement to the strategic and operational planning framework for the Criminal Justice Partnership.

After discussion and having heard Mr. Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Planning and Performance Improvement Framework; and
- (2) to request that the Partnership Manager report on progress with regard to the full plan at the meeting of the Partnership in December 2010.

THE REVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE NATIONAL OUTCOMES AND STANDARDS (NATIONAL STANDARDS)

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing on the Revision of the Criminal Justice National Outcomes and Standards (National Standards).

After discussion and having heard Mr. Fleming, Assistant Partnership Manager in further explanation, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to request that further information be provided on the implications of implementing the revised National Standards as these become clear.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.