

## **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 Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 4 September 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Elaine Robertson (Argyll and Bute Council), Councillor Gail Casey (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Councillor Gemma Welsh (East Dunbartonshire Council).

**Attending:** **Argyll and Bute Council:** John Belton, Service Manager and Kirsteen Green, Business Support Manager, Criminal Justice Services.

**West Dunbartonshire Council:** Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services; Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Janice Rainey, Finance Partner (CHCP) and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

**East Dunbartonshire Council:** Keith Gardner, Service Manager.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jonathan McColl (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Michael O'Donnell (East Dunbartonshire Council); Freda McShane, Children and Families Manager, East Dunbartonshire Council; Louise Long, Head of Service (Children, Families, Young People and Criminal Justice), Argyll and Bute Council and Carol Muir, Interim Argyll and Bute ADP Coordinator, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 12 June 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2014/2015 AS AT PERIOD 4 (31 JULY 2014)**

A report was submitted by the Treasurer to the Partnership Joint Committee providing an update on the financial performance of the Criminal Justice Partnership to 31 July 2014.

Following discussion and having heard the Finance Partner (CHCP) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report which indicated a variance of £73,042 for the financial year.

### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Partnership's Key Performance Indicators for 2013/2014.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice and the Business Support Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report in respect of recent performance which will continue to be monitored by officers and reported to Committee as required; and
- (2) to note that the Joint Committee had moved to a new Planning and Performance Improvement Framework 2014-2017 which included a new Balance Scorecard which would be the format for performance reporting in the future.

### **COMMITTED PROTECTION; INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR STAFF ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HIGH RISK OFFENDERS**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the review and an update of the guidance for staff on the management of high risk offenders.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **AGGREGATE RETURN 2013/14 – DEMAND AND PERFORMANCE ACROSS THE PARTNERSHIP**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership advising of the Partnership's Aggregate Return figures for 2013/14.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Partnership would continue to review and report on the aggregate return; and

- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TRAINING PLANS 2011-14 AND 2014-2017**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership:-

- (a) providing an update on progress in respect of the Workforce Development and Partnership Training Plans 2011-14; and
- (b) introducing the Workforce Development and Partnership Training Plans for 2014-17.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note that an annual update of the training plan would next be presented to the Committee in September 2015;
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members agreed the proposed dates and times for future meetings of the Criminal Justice Partnership Joint Committee as undernoted. It was noted that the meeting dates were scheduled to be held one day prior to the future meetings of the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority as requested by the Joint Committee in previous years.

Thursday, 11 December 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

Thursday, 12 March 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

Thursday, 11 June 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

Thursday, 3 September 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

## **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

### **BRIEFING PAPER ON INDIVIDUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Partnership considered a briefing note providing an update on progress of Individual Risk Management Arrangements (IRMA).

Having heard the Service Manager, Argyll and Bute Council in further explanation of the briefing note, it was noted:-

- (1) that IRMA was introduced locally across the Partnership in April 2013 to ensure management of registered sex offenders in line with the management arrangements for such offenders;
- (2) to note that the Scottish Government planned to extend Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) in spring 2015 to include violent offenders rendering the local IMRA process surplus to requirements. It was further noted that whilst some training would be required, the current operation of IRMA would assist staff with the transition to the extended MAPPA arrangements.

### **BRIEFING PAPER ON FUTURE MODEL FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE IN SCOTLAND; LOCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Partnership considered a briefing note outlining the implications of the proposed future model for the delivery of community justice for the Partnership authorities.

The Partnership Manager provided an overview of the key changes under the proposals and thereafter the Partnership agreed to note the following points:-

- (a) that local strategic planning and Community Justice services will be through Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs);
- (b) that duties will be on a defined set of partner bodies (including local authorities, Police, NHS) to engage in local strategic planning and delivery, with accountability for planning and performance residing at this level;
- (c) that local Community Justice Partnerships will, through CPPs, make available to the national body strategic delivery plans and annual reports. The national body, Community Justice Improvement Scotland (CJIS) will provide assurance, advice and assistance and will have the ability to make recommendations to the Scottish Government and Ministers, Local Government and elected members;
- (d) the creation of a national body to provide independent professional assurance and recommendations to Scottish Ministers regarding the collective achievement of community justice outcomes across Scotland. The CJIS may also commission services on a national basis where appropriate;

- (e) that the national body will ultimately be accountable to Scottish Government Ministers although it will also provide regular reports to the national community planning group and COSLA leaders as and when required;
- (f) that funding allocation currently routed via Community Justice Authorities will devolve to local authorities from 2016-2017.

Following discussion and having heard the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services and the Criminal Justice Partnership Manager in further explanation of the briefing note and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note that the current financial, organisational and constitutional arrangements for the CJP authorities would require to be reviewed in light of the new arrangements;
- (2) to note the impact of grant distribution to local authorities (CPPs) given that the funding formula for core services is under review as is the distribution and management of non-core funding;
- (3) to note the impact of devolution of responsibility for planning and delivery of services to CPPs given that shared resources have enabled the CJP to develop a consistent approach to strategic and operational planning and performance improvement;
- (4) to note that local authorities are presently responding in a variety of ways to the integration of adult health and social care and that the level of and approach to integration may have a bearing on the location of Criminal Justice Social Work services in relation to other social work services. It is acknowledged that the issues of accountability with regard to CPPs presents some challenges; and
- (5) to note that given the nature of the changes to the delivery of services within a wider context of significant change affecting local authorities and partners, it is proposed that the option to continue with partnership arrangements with incremental adjustments determined the aforementioned review, until the end of 2016-17. Thus creating a certain amount of stability at a time of major organisational change for local authorities and permit the model of delivery to be re-visited in 2016-17.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.