

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 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 12 March 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Elaine Robertson and Anne Horne (Argyll and Bute Council); Councillor Jonathan McColl (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 and Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager.

West Dunbartonshire Council: Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Amanda Coulthard, Corporate and Community Planning Manager and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

East Dunbartonshire Council: Gerard McCormick, Community Planning Manager.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Michael O'Donnell (East Dunbartonshire Council); Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services and Janice Rainey, Finance Partner, West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership; Louise Long, Head of Service (Children, Families and Young People and Criminal Justice), Argyll and Bute Council; Freda McShane, Children and Families Manager and Keith Gardner, Criminal Justice Service Manager, East Dunbartonshire Council and Carol Young, Argyll and Bute ADP Coordinator, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor Robertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for not attending the December 2014 meeting of the Partnership which was due to inclement weather.

Councillor Robertson then introduced the Community Planning Partnership Managers from each of the three Partnership authorities, those being Amanda Coulthard, West Dunbartonshire Council, Rona Gold, Argyll and Bute Council and Gerard McCormick, East Dunbartonshire Council. Councillor Robertson welcomed all three officers to the meeting advising that they would now play a major part in the operation of the Partnership given that strategic planning and delivery of community

justice would transfer to Community Planning Partnerships from 2016.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Joint Committee held on 4 September 2014 and 11 December 2014 (inquorate meeting) were submitted and approved as correct records.

Following discussion on Councillor Robertson's participation via teleconferencing facilities at the meeting held on 11 December 2014, it was agreed:-

- (1) in terms of the Minute of Agreement, to note that Councillor Robertson's apologies would require to be recorded in the sederunt of this meeting;
- (2) that the Minute of Agreement would require to be considered by Legal Services at West Dunbartonshire Council with a view to it being amended to allow for Members to contribute at future meetings via teleconference; and
- (3) that in respect of (2) above, this would be a matter for consideration at a future meeting of the Partnership.

With reference to the item entitled, 'Any Other Competent Business – Women's Service: Women Moving Forward, Life Skills and Wellbeing Service', and in response to a question from Councillor Horne seeking an update on future delivery of the service, it was agreed that the Partnership Manager would provide a report on the future of the service to the meeting of the Partnership scheduled to be held on 11 June 2015.

REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2014/15 AS AT PERIOD 10 (31 JANUARY 2015)

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 January 2015.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager and the Corporate and Community Planning Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that officers would provide a budget estimation for 2015/16 based on service needs rather than expected budget allocation from the government to enable Members of the Committee to address the issue given that Criminal Justice Service remained under funded;
- (2) that the requested financial information detailed at (1) above would be submitted to the meeting of the Partnership scheduled to be held on 11 June 2015; and

- (3) to otherwise note the contents of the report which indicates a variance of £94,746 for the financial year.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS ANNUAL REVIEW 2013-14

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Partnership's Annual Review of Community Payback Orders for 2013/14.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager, Business Support Manager and Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Partnership Manager would continue to review and report upon progress with regard to CPOs on an annual basis;
- (2) to note that the proposed new model by the Scottish Government involving Community Planning Partnerships being given the responsibility for local strategic planning and delivery of community justice will afford wider opportunities for Community Payback Orders in the future; and
- (3) otherwise to note the content of the report with regard to the progress and development of Community Payback.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE RE-DESIGN OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Scottish Government's response to further consultation on the re-design of Community Justice.

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

- (1) to note that the Scottish Government had responded to the most recent consultation regarding the re-design of community justice;
- (2) that further reports on the transition would be provided to future meetings of the Partnership; and
- (3) to note that updates on the new requirements on Community Planning Partnerships would be developed by the Scottish Government, in partnership with COSLA, once the Community Justice Bill had received royal assent.

UNPAID WORK CUSTOMER CONSULTATION 2013/14

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Partnership's annual review of Unpaid Work Customer Consultation for 2013/14.

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

- (1) that the Partnership Manager would convey the Partnership's thanks and congratulation to staff and supervisors of unpaid work on the positive annual review of Unpaid Work Customer Consultation for 2013/14;
- (2) to continue to consult with customers and report on feedback received; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

PARTNERSHIP BALANCED SCORECARD 2014/15 PROGRESS REPORT 3RD QUARTER

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on the progress of the Partnership's Balanced Scorecard for 2014/15.

Following discussion and having heard the Corporate and Community Planning Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council and the Business Support Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Partnership Manager would continue to update the Balanced Scorecard throughout the year and would produce a final report at the end of the year;
- (2) that the 3 local figures for achievement of objectives for West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Councils would be included in future scorecard; and
- (3) that the web link to the Scottish Government's Scottish Household Survey Annual Report 2007/2008 would be sent to all members of the Partnership for information.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.