



Report by Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership

Management Group: 17 November 2022

Subject: Community Justice Annual Report 2021-2022

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to share with Community Planning West Dunbartonshire, (CPWD) the Community Justice Annual Report for 2021/2022

2. Recommendations

2.1 CPWD is asked to:

- Note the submitted Community Justice Annual Report 2021-2022, signed by the West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership chair following agreement of membership
- To note that planning for the development of our next community justice outcome improvement plan is underway, activities are identified within the report
- To agree to publish this report online (in line with our statutory duty)

3. Background

3.1 The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 introduced a range of statutory duties to be implemented at a local level by responsible “named statutory partners”, as indicated in Figure 1, below:

Figure 1: Community Justice Statutory Partners

Named statutory partners	Local Responsible Posts
Each Local Authority	Local Authority Chief Executive
Each Health Board	Chief Executive
Chief constable of Police Scotland	Police Scotland Chief Superintendent
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Area Commander
Skills Development Scotland	Skills Development Scotland Regional Manager
Integration Joint Board	HSCP Board and Chief Officer
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS)	SCTS National Manager
Scottish Ministers (represented by Scottish Prison Service and Crown Office & Prosecution Service)	Scottish Prison Service Governor, member of WD CJP. COPFS hold a regional forum to meet their CJ statutory duties.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The local model for community justice should deliver an extensive change programme centred on increasing prevention of offending/reoffending through improved leadership and collaboration; evidencing and delivering improved outcomes; learning, development and innovation; and workforce development across multi-agency statutory partners.
- 4.2** West Dunbartonshire established its Community Justice Development Group in February 2022, recently forming into our local Partnership.
- 4.3** This annual report mainly represents the ongoing activity under previous governance arrangements through the CPWD Safe DIG, however, includes the preparation activities of the CJ Development Group with the support of Community Justice Scotland Chief Executive, Special Adviser and Improvement Leads.
- 4.4** Local partners have a duty within the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 to publish a front facing annual report.
- 4.5** The new national Community Justice Strategy was published at the end of June 2022. The accompanying Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework (OPIF) was circulated in draft form by Community Justice Scotland at the end of September 2022. The draft OPIF was submitted to Scottish Government for review and approval, the implementation date is expected to be 1 April 2023.
- 4.6** The local Community Justice Partnership will now move forward with development of our local Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan by developing a 1 year delivery plan. The contents of which will be informed by this annual report in relation to ongoing improvement activity.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** The Coordinators post will move to full time at the beginning of January 2023, there will be a short period where the post will become vacant.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** West Dunbartonshire community justice funding of £62,500 includes £12,500 for specific improvements to support Justice Social Work, which is reported within IJB by the Head of Service, Children's Health, Care and Justice

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** Failure to deliver on statutory duties can result in formal improvement action from Community Justice Scotland on behalf of Scottish Ministers.
- 7.2** Local and national community justice arrangements must reflect the work of a range of cross-sector partners to delivery against the Community Justice

Outcome Improvement Plan to reduce the risk of offending by individuals and its impact upon local communities.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** A refreshed EIA is required is required when developing the new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan

9. Consultation

- 9.1** West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership membership

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** Community justice incorporates multi-disciplinary agencies to deliver a whole systems approach to reduce re-offending in local communities. It encompasses a range of partners, this includes those represented within CPWD DIGs, WD ADP, PP COG, WD VAWP (this is not an exclusive list)

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Appendices: Appendix 1, West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership – Annual Report 2021-2022

Background Papers:

WD CPWD Management Board report
[CPWD Management Board Community Justice Update report 28th September 2022](#)

The Vision for Justice in Scotland
[The Vision for Justice in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

National Strategy for Community Justice:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-strategy-community-justice-2/>

Wards Affected: All