

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 June 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Elaine Robertson and Ann Horn (Argyll and Bute Council), Councillors 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: Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Amanda Coulthard, Corporate & Community Planning Manager; Janice Rainey, Finance Partner (CHCP) and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

East Dunbartonshire Council: Keith Gardner, Assistant Partnership Manager.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jonathan McColl and Michael O'Donnell; Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services; West 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 Megan Harris, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

In terms of the Minute of Agreement of the Joint Committee, Members considered the biennial appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Following consideration, it was agreed that Councillor Elaine Robertson be appointed Chair and that Councillor Gail Casey be appointed Vice-Chair of the Partnership.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 4 March 2014 were submitted and approved.

With reference to the item entitled, 'Scottish Government Response to Consultation on Proposals to Redesign the Community Justice Authority', it was noted that a development day for Elected Members and key officers of the Partnership authorities would be held in Autumn 2014 in order to devise an options appraisal for the Partnership.

DRAFT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2013/2014 AND REVENUE ESTIMATES 2014/2015

A report was submitted by the Treasurer to the Partnership Joint Committee providing information on the draft financial outturn for 2013/2014 and outlining measures/proposals relating to efficiencies required in order to achieve a match between income and expenditure for 2014/2015.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice Partnership and the Finance Partner (CHCP) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the financial outturn for 2013/2014 which was draft and subject to audit and scrutiny by the Scottish Government;
- (2) to note that a final audited statement would be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership; and
- (3) to note that the revenue budget for 2014/2015 and the monitoring reports on financial performance would be provided to future meetings of the Joint Committee.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: FUTURE MODEL FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE IN SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health & Care Partnership seeking approval of the consultation response concerning the future model for community justice in Scotland.

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

- (1) to endorse the response on behalf of the Criminal Justice Social Work Partnership;
- (2) to note the focus of the consultation document, that being principally upon the role of the new Community Justice Partnerships, that of the new national body, Community Justice Improvement Scotland (CJIS) and matters of governance and accountability; and

- (3) to note the terms of the discussion in relation to the arrangements for the strategic planning and delivery of Community Justice Services becoming the responsibility of local authorities via Community Planning Partnerships.

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORKS/PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2017

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

- (a) providing information on the Criminal Justice Partnership's Planning and Performance Improvement Framework and Performance Management Programme 2014-2017; and
- (b) seeking approval of Criminal Justice Partnership's Planning and Performance Improvement Framework and Performance Management Programme 2014-2017.

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

- (1) to approve the Planning and Performance Improvement Programme 2014-2017;
- (2) that the Partnership Manager would provide regular progress reports with regard to the delivery of the strategic operational plans within the Planning & Performance Improvement Framework;
- (3) to note that responsibility for short term prisoners may come under the remit of the new Community Justice Partnership; and
- (4) that the Partnership would monitor the profile of the Partnership's prison population for future service delivery.

Note:- Councillor Casey left the meeting at this point (3.25 p.m.) whereupon the meeting become inquorate. However, Members agreed to continue with an informal discussion on the significant changes to strategic planning and delivery of community justice services recognising the importance of establishing a clear framework for continuity and progress with regard to the planning, delivery and improvement of services.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.