

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, 13 December 2012 at 2.20 p.m.

Present: Councillors Elaine Robertson (Argyll and Bute Council); Councillors Michael O'Donnell and Gemma Welsh (East Dunbartonshire Council); and Councillor Gail Casey (West Dunbartonshire Council).

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

West Dunbartonshire Council: Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; Adrian Gray, Business Unit Accountant; Janice Rainey, Business Partner Corporate Functions and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

East Dunbartonshire Council: John Owens, Acting Service Manager.

Also

Attending: Megan Harris, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Donnie McGilveray, Manager, Alternatives – West Dunbartonshire Community Drug Service.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Anne Horn (Argyll and Bute Council); Councillor Jonathan McColl (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services and Louise Long, Head of Service (Children, Families, Young People and Criminal Justice).

Councillor Elaine Robertson in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor Robertson welcomed everyone present to the meeting of the Joint Committee and introductions were made around the table. In particular, the Chair welcomed Councillor Welsh to her first meeting of the Partnership Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 6 September 2012 were submitted and noted.

Having heard the Chair in relation to any matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting, it was noted:-

- (1) that the full complement of staff for the prison based Social Work Services within HMP Low Moss was now in place; and
- (2) that a bid had been submitted to the Scottish Government for the development of the Public Social Partnership at HMP Low Moss to support transition from prison to the community in the provision of co-ordinated services to the prisoner population with public and third sector agencies working together within and beyond prison.

REDUCING RE-OFFENDING CHANGE FUND

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on progress on the action taken by the Criminal Justice Partnership with regard to Reducing Re-offending Change Fund.

A short presentation was provided by Mr Donnie McGilveray, Manager, Alternatives – West Dunbartonshire Community Drug Project on the process of a formal bid for funding from the Reducing Re-offending Change Fund which, if successful, would be available from April 2013.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Director, Mr McGilveray, and various officers in answer to questions from Members, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made with regard to the preparation of a public service partnership bid to the Reducing Re-offending Change Fund;
- (2) to note that any staff recruited via the fund would be employed by third sector partners; and
- (3) otherwise to note the terms of the discussion thereon.

AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT – “REDUCING RE-OFFENDING IN SCOTLAND” (NOVEMBER 2012)

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership advising of the content of the Audit Scotland Report “Reducing Re-offending in Scotland” published on 7 November 2012 www.audit-scotland.gov.uk.

Having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report and in answer to questions from Members, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the Partnership Manager would bring any developments with regard to the recommendations of the Audit Scotland report to the Joint Committee's attention; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER ANNUAL REPORT

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the submission and content of the first Community Payback Order (CPO) Annual Report 2011/2012.

Having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the Partnership Manager would bring further reports on the operation of CPOs to future meetings of the Joint Committee;
- (2) that the Partnership Manager would issue a Briefing Note to Members on the inclusion of information and submission of requests for unpaid work in all three authorities; and
- (3) that a note of the hours of unpaid work undertaken in Argyll and Bute would be provided to Councillor Robertson direct.

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on progress in respect of the various strategies and operational plans encompassed within the Partnership's Planning and Performance Improvement Framework 2011 - 2014.

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 note and approve the contents of the report; and
- (2) that any areas of concern would be included in future covering reports and would be highlighted in the corresponding appendix to the report; and
- (3) that the Partnership Manager would continue to report on progress to the Committee.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Partnership's performance against key performance indicators for 2011/2012.

Having heard the Partnership Manager - Criminal Justice in further explanation of the report, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Partnership would continue to monitor key performance indicators on an annual basis; and
- (2) that regular updates providing information on Argyll and Bute Council's Key Performance Indicators would be provided to Councillor Robertson; and
- (3) that the Partnership Manager would bring further reports on this topic to the Joint Committee on an annual basis.

REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2012/13 AS AT PERIOD 6 (30 SEPTEMBER 2012)

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on the financial performance of the Criminal Justice Partnership to 30 September 2012.

Following discussion and having heard the Partnership Manager and the Business Unit Finance Partner in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP; SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership advising of a supplement to the Minute of Agreement establishing the Criminal Justice Partnership.

Having heard the Partnership Manager in further explanation of the report, the Joint Committee agreed to note and approve the terms of the Supplementary Agreement.

The meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.