

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 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Attending: **Argyll and Bute Council:** Jon Belton, Service Manager, Criminal Justice Services.

West Dunbartonshire Council: Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services; Janice Rainey, Business Partner Corporate Functions, and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

East Dunbartonshire Council: Keith Gardner, Service Manager, Criminal Justice Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Anne Horn and Michael O'Donnell; Norman Firth, Criminal Justice Partnership Manager; West Dunbartonshire Council; Megan Harris, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Louise Long, Head of Service (Children, Families, Young People and Criminal Justice) and Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer, Argyll and Bute Council; and Freda McShane, Children & Families Manager, East Dunbartonshire Council.

Councillor Elaine Robertson in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee held on 14 March 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

In response to a request from Councillor Robertson, it was agreed that feedback from the Scottish Government submitted to the Robertson Trust who led the Change Fund Public Service Partnership bid, would be re-issued to Councillor Robertson.

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on the strategic and operational plans which support the Partnership's Planning and Performance Improvement Framework 2011-2014.

Having heard the Head of Children's Health, Care & Criminal Justice Services in further explanation of the report and the Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Dunbartonshire, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to request that the Partnership Manager continues to report on progress to this Committee;
- (2) that the Partnership Manager would provide a the report to a future meeting of the Committee and by the end of the current year (2013/14) advising of developments and changes in relation to strategic and operational priorities for 2014-17; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

AGGREGATE RETURN – 2011/2012

A report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the analysis of the Aggregate Returns for the Partnership during 2011/2012.

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

- (1) to continue to monitor Social Work and report on the demand for Criminal Justice services through the aggregate return; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

PUBLIC SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership advising of progress of the Public Social Partnership (PSP) arrangements across Scotland, including the PSP arrangements in HMP Low Moss.

Following discussion and having heard the Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Dunbartonshire Council in further explanation of the report, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the PSP projects described in the report are intended to contribute to measures aimed at reducing re-offending;

- (2) to note that the national projects and those relating specifically to HMP Lowmoss seek to address the challenges presented by prolific male offenders who represent both a substantial level of criminal activity and proportion of the prison population; and
- (3) to note that the specific and distinctive needs of women offenders should also be addressed constructively in terms commended by the Commission on Women Offenders which reported last year.

BREACH RATES 2011/2012

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership providing information on the Breach Rates within the Partnership during 2011/12.

Having heard the Service Manager, Criminal Justice Services, Argyll and Bute Council in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to request that the Partnership Manager continues to analyse and report on Breach Rates; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

INDIVIDUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (IRMA)

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership advising of new operational guidance developed within the Criminal Justice Partnership to improve the management of high risk violent offenders.

Having heard Jon Belton, Service Manager, Argyll and Bute Council in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the new operational guidance developed within the Argyll, Bute and Dunbartonshires' Criminal Justice Partnership to improve the management of high risk violent offenders in the Partnership area would be shared with the group responsible for updating the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements in Scotland;
- (2) to request that a progress report should be submitted to the meeting of the Joint Committee on 5 September 2014; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report and the guidance appended to the report.

DRAFT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2012/2013 AND REVENUE ESTIMATES 2013/2014

A report was submitted by the Treasurer to the Joint Committee advising of the draft financial outturn for 2012/2013 and outlining measures/proposals in relation to efficiencies required to achieve a match between income and expenditure in 2013/2014.

Having heard the Business Partner Corporate Functions in further explanation of the report, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a note of the difference in costs from providers of Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTOs) would be provided to Councillor McColl directly;
- (2) to note the financial outturn for 2012/2013 which was draft and subject to audit and scrutiny by the Scottish Government;
- (3) to note that a final audited statement would be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership;
- (4) to note that the revenue budget for 2013/2014 and the monitoring reports on financial performance would be provided to future meetings of the Joint Committee; and
- (5) that a letter of thanks be issued to all staff and managers throughout the Partnership area to acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the service during challenging times.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair, Councillor Robertson, requested that a list of acronyms be provided with committee papers for future meetings of the Joint Committee. Having heard the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services in response, it was noted that the full title of a service or other reference should be provided once in every report for ease of reference and that officers would ensure that this was adhered to in future reports.

The Chair also thanked Kirsteen Green, Planning and Evaluation Officer, Criminal Justice Services, Argyll and Bute Council for the informative information provided to members of the Partnership on Key Performance Indicators adding that this has been a useful resource for Members.

The meeting closed at 3.29 p.m.