

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 9.15am.

Present: Councillors W Robertson, E Maclachlan, K Baird, (substituting for M Roberts) P Barrett, L Caddell, A Cowan, A MacLellan (substituting for C Gillies), B Ellis (substituting for A Grant), P Mulheron, B Vaughan (substituting for H Stewart) and A Younger.

In attendance: J Gilruth, J Irons, J Newton and J Walker (Housing and Community Care); K McNamara (The Environment Service); E Knox and I Scott (both Tayside Police) A Wilson and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Gillies, A Grant, M Roberts, L Simpson, C Shiers and H Stewart.

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 174, 177 and 178; the Vice-Convener for Articles 173, 175 and 176.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

172. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 25 November 2009 (Arts. 512-514) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 16 November 2009 was submitted and noted.
- (iii) The Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 16 November 2009 was submitted and noted.

173. COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – AN EXERCISE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/165), (1) advising the Committee on the requirement of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005, for Criminal Justice Services to improve their 'Community Visibility' through more effective community engagement; and (2) setting out how the Criminal Justice Social Work Service proposed to meet these expectations.

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Members heard a presentation by J Gilruth, Housing and Community Care and I Scott, Tayside Police, on *Making Communities Safer: An Engagement Exercise between Criminal Justice Social Work, Police and Communities*.

Resolved:

- (i) The terms of the proposed community engagement exercise be noted and approved.
- (ii) Elected Members be supported in developing stronger ties between Criminal Justice Social Work and communities, be agreed.

174. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTHLY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BMIP) PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/493A) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its BMIP for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009.

Resolved:

- i) After consideration, the contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Monthly BMIP Performance Exception Report, as detailed in the Appendix to report 09/493A, and pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 09/493A had been submitted to the Housing and Health Committee on 28 October 2009 for its interest, and to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 2 December 2009.

175. RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT PART 5 (NOISE NUISANCE) OF THE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 (Article 245/08)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/166) proposing the continuation of implementation of the noise nuisance provisions of Part 5 of the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004, under the same terms as previously agreed by the Community Safety Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The implementation of the provisions of Part 5 of the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004 in respect of noise nuisance, be agreed.
- (ii) That in terms of Section 41 of the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004, that each whole week be specified as a noise control period, beginning on 23 June 2010 and ending on 22 June 2012 (with the exception of the Christmas/New Year Council closure periods).
- (iii) The Head of Legal Services to prepare the necessary legal documentation for the resolution and advertise the said resolution as required (as detailed in Appendix A to Report 10/66).

176. CHARTER FOR GOOD REGULATION – ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) proposing a Charter outlining: (1) how Council enforcement services such as Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Food Safety and Health and Safety would undertake their activities in a fair, reasonable and consistent manner; and (2) how the Charter would ensure the Service meets the requirements of the Government Regulator's Compliance Code, which had recently become mandatory for certain enforcement functions.

Resolved:

The Charter for Good Regulation, and Annexe, be approved.

177. REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS AMALGAMATION OF SOCIAL WORK FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE PRISON OPEN ESTATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/168) informing the Committee on: (1) progress made towards amalgamation of the two Social Work teams at HMP Castle Huntly and HMP Noranside; and (2) providing an update on achievements arising from the integration of the Management of Social Work Services at the Open Estate.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) submit a further report in six months time on the implementation of a joint performance framework between Perth and Kinross Council and the Scottish Prison Service.
- (ii) The content of Report 10/168 be otherwise noted.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

178. PILOT CHILD SEX OFFENDER DISCLOSURE SCHEME

There was submitted a report (10/169) providing an update of the Pilot Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme being run by Tayside Police and the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

The details of the update of the Pilot Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme be noted.

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