

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 29 August 2007 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, L Caddell, A Cowan, C Gillies, A Grant (from Art. 503), E Maclachlan, P Mulheron, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and A Younger.

In attendance: Councillors J Law and B Vaughan, D Roberts (Executive Director - Housing and Community Care); D Stewart, A Olejnik, S Nicoll and J Dixon (all The Environment Service); B Atkinson, (Education and Children's Services); J Irons, J Dickson and A Wilson (all Chief Executive's Service); Councillor J Law.

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

501. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

502. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 13 June 2007 (Arts. 324-331) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLOR A GRANT ENTERED THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

*503. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2006/2007 (Art. 292/06)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/548) ,(1) reviewing Service performance against The Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007; and (2) highlighting areas of good performance in delivering service objectives and areas for performance improvement.

Resolved:

- (i) The elements of the Environment Service 2006/2007 Business Management and Improvement Plan relating to the Community Safety Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/548, be approved.
- (ii) Reports detailing performance during 2007-2008 and each subsequent year of The Environment Service and Improvement Plan be submitted to future meetings of the Community Safety Committee and the Standards and Scrutiny Committee thereafter.

*504. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007-2010 (Art. 281/06)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/549) presenting the Business Management and Improvement Plan for The Environment Service outlining the core business of the Service, identifying actions to be taken and summarising improvements to be made for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 07/549, relevant to the Community Safety Committee, be approved.
- (ii) Reports detailing performance during 2007-2008 and each subsequent year of the Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan 2007 to 2010 be submitted to future meetings of the Community Safety Committee for its interest, and to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee thereafter.

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***505. CHILD PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2007/08**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/539) seeking endorsement of the Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2006-2007 and Business Plan 2007-2008 which provided an account and analysis of the work during 2006-2007 and identified costs and priorities for the period 2007 – 2008.

Resolved:

The Child Protection Committee's Annual Report 2006-2007 and Business Plan 2007-2008, approved by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership on 15 June 2007, be endorsed.

506. WORK RELATED DEATHS PROTOCOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/562), (1) advising that the Health and Safety Executive, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS) and the British Transport Police had published a joint working protocol on work-related deaths in October 2006; and (2) seeking approval to adopt the Protocol within Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

The Protocol, which emphasised the need for a collaborative approach to the investigation of work-related deaths in Scotland, be supported.

507. PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY CHARGES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/563), (1) advising that the introduction of the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 required local authorities to carry out risk assessments and monitor certain categories of private water supplies; and (2) seeking approval of a charging regime to ensure full cost recovery of certain activities associated with the implementation of the new Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) No charges be levied on private water users for the costs associated with risk assessment procedures.
- (ii) The maximum charge allowed by the Regulations be recharged for statutory sampling visits.
- (iii) The actual cost for the analysis or examination of chemical and microbiological samples be recharged for Audit and Check monitoring purposes, as defined in the Regulations.
- (iv) The maximum charge allowed by the Regulations be recharged for sampling visits to Type B supplies other than for taking samples on public health grounds, which would not attract a charge.
- (v) The actual cost for the analysis or examination of chemical and microbiological samples be recharged for sampling from Type B supplies other than for samples taken on public health grounds.

508. PUBLICATION OF HYGIENE REPORTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/564) seeking approval to extend the hygiene information currently available via the Council's website to include publication of the post-inspection reports and issued to the businesses concerned.

Resolved:

- (i) Detailed food hygiene inspection reports of food businesses in the Perth city wards be published on the Food Hygiene Information Scheme page of the Council's website from 1 October 2007.
- (ii) Detailed food hygiene inspection reports of food businesses throughout Perth and Kinross be published by 31 March 2008.

509. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE PERTH AND KINROSS ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OUTCOME AGREEMENT – LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY (Art. 328/07)

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 13 June 2007 to the effect that the Convener write to the relevant Minister in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour funding beyond 2008, there was submitted and noted a letter from the Minister for Community Safety (07/567) giving an assurance of the

Scottish Government's commitment to promoting community safety and tackling anti-social behaviour, and advising that consideration was being given to streamlining work and bringing together community safety and anti-social behaviour funding streams. Spending plans would be published as soon as possible after the outcome of the UK Comprehensive Spending Review.