

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 25 November 2009 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors W Robertson, E Maclachlan, P Barrett, A Cowan, C Gillies, A Grant, B Band (substituting for Councillor P Mulheron), B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor C Shiers), L Simpson, H Stewart, M Roberts and A Younger.

In attendance: J Gilruth, J Irons and E Boyle (both Housing and Community Care); H Hope (The Environment Service); A Wilson and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell, P Mulheron and C Shiers.

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

590. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

591. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 12 August 2009 (Arts. 395-402) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

592. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/551) recommending the endorsement by the Committee of the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2008/09.

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2008/09, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 09/511, be endorsed.

*593. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE 2009/2012 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BMIP) SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT FOR 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (Arts. 554 and 563)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/493) reviewing the performance of The Environment Service against its BMIP for the six month period from 1 April to 30 September 2009.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of The Environment Service 2009/2012 BMIP Six Monthly Performance Exception Report for 1 April to 30 September 2009, pertaining to the Community Safety Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/493, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 09/493 had previously been submitted to the Environment Committee and the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee for their respective interests on 4 November 2009; and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2009.

H HOPE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

594. FASTER, FLEXIBLE, FAIRER JUSTICE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVING PARTNERSHIP WORKING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/548) advising of: (1) steps being taken to develop new partnerships, introduce innovative services and adapt existing services to take account of the terms of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill; and (2) providing an update on the progress of these developments and a broader commentary of the partnership working which underpinned them.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress which had been made towards developments calculated to deliver fairer, faster, more flexible justice, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to develop further partnerships and alliances which assisted progress towards criminal justice, and other related strategic priorities, within Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring a further report to the Community Safety Committee in 12 months time reporting progress in relation to employability, community engagement and staff development in Criminal Justice Social Work.

595. FIRE AND RESCUE FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2009 – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/552) outlining Perth and Kinross Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on its draft of a second Fire and Rescue Framework.

596. PROGRESS REPORT – COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICES – MUIRTON/NORTH MUIRTON, PERTH AND RATRAY, BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/553) outlining the progress of the new Community Warden Service from March 2009 – October 2010.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to the Community Safety Committee in 12 months time, reporting progress on Community Warden Services.

597. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON HIGH HEDGES AND OTHER NUISANCE VEGETATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/554) suggesting a response to the Scottish Government's consultation on High Hedges and other Nuisance Vegetation.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to respond to the Scottish Government reflecting a combination of Options 2 and 4, as set out in Section 3 of Report 09/554.

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