

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
18 June 2008

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Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Maclachlan, D Scott (substituting for Councillor P Barrett), A Cowan, C Gillies, A Grant, P Mulheron, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and A Wylie (substituting for Councillor A Younger).

In attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Dean, J Irons, E Boyle and J Newton (all Housing and Community Care); C Haggart, D Stewart and K McNamara (all the Environment Service); A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors W Robertson, P Barrett, L Caddell and A Younger.

Councillor E Maclachlan, Vice-Convenor, Presiding.

374. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

375. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 23 April 2008 (Arts. 243-248) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

376. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007-08 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE (Art. 368)

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/327) providing details of performance against the Housing and Community Care Business Management and Improvement Plan targets for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Housing and Community Care Annual Performance Report for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 had been submitted to, and accepted by, the Housing and Health Committee on 21 May 2008 and the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2008.
- (ii) Following consideration, the contents of the Annual Performance Report 2007/08 for Housing and Community Care, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 08/327, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.

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- (iii) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report be published on the Council's web site and a summary report be made available for all stakeholders.

377. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/8 (Art. 367)

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Environment) (08/325) reviewing Service performance against the Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period of 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The elements of the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2007/08, relating to the Community Safety Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 08/325, be accepted.
- (ii) The Annual Performance Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, on 11 June 2008, for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

378. DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK – SUMMER 2008

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/344) describing developments within the local Criminal Justice Social Work Service during 2008, which had a direct bearing upon practice within Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The developments in Prison-based Social Work Services across Tayside, and the drive to improve timescales for completing Community Service Orders, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed changes in staff management, as detailed in Report 08/344, and the secondment of the CJS Improvement Officer to the Scottish Prison Service to support the introduction of Service Level Agreements, for an initial period of six months, be approved.
- (iii) The development of programmes as an integral part of work with offenders subject to probation orders be noted.
- (iv) The opportunity to integrate further Youth Justice and Criminal Justice Social Work Services, through the introduction of enhanced preparation and support for offenders aged 16-21 years of age, be noted.
- (v) The proposed 'Community Engagement' Programme for Criminal Justice Managers during 2008-09 be noted.
- (vi) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to report back to Committee on these developments in six months time.

379. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 – FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/345), (1) informing Committee of the referral of funding allocation for Community Safety and Suicide Reduction to the Community Safety Partnership and Strategic Health Partnership respectively; and (2) noting the situation regarding

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community regeneration activities supported by the Council's Area Based Initiative funding, and the Fairer Scotland Funding introduced in 2008/09 by the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

- (i) The decision taken by Housing and Health Committee on 21 May 2008 (Art. 314 refers) to refer £88,000 for allocation by the Community Safety Partnership to deliver activity to promote community safety in Perth and Kinross, and £94,000 for allocation by the Strategic Health Partnership to deliver activities to reduce suicide in Perth and Kinross, be noted.
- (ii) The new funding arrangements for community regeneration activities in 2008/09 be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) continued to be responsible for the monitoring and reporting of the above expenditure.

380. COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE EXPANSION

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/346) informing Committee of the progress made in the establishment of two new Community Warden services in the North Muirton/Muirton area of Perth, and Rattray.

Resolved:

The extension of Community Warden Services to the North Muirton/Muirton area of Perth, and Rattray, as detailed in Report 08/346, be welcomed.

381. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST AND DEPUTY AGRICULTURAL ANALYST

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Environment) (08/347) proposing that an appointment be made of a Public Analyst in terms of the Food Safety Act 1990, and Deputy Agricultural Analyst in terms of the Agriculture Act 1990.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointments of Norman Dale Michie and David Bryce as Public Analysts and Depute Agricultural Analysts be revoked.
- (ii) The appointment of Stephen Paul Appleton as Public Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst be approved.

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