

## **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 27 May 2009 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: Councillor R Band; D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Irons, J Gilruth and A Chappell (all Housing and Community Care); A Irvine (Education and Children's Services) (up to and including Art. 261); K McNamara and A Olejnik (both The Environment Service); A Wilson and Y Oliver (both Chief Executive's).

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

### **259. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **260. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 11 March 2009 (Arts. 146-152) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **261. DOMESTIC ABUSE**

A Irvine, Service Manager (Children in Need and Child Protection), Education and Cultural Services and J Irons, Community Safety Policy Officer, Housing and Community Care, gave a presentation on domestic abuse and violence against women. The presentation demonstrated how the Council was fulfilling its responsibilities to implement Scottish Government policies at a local level by supporting partnership working and encouraging participation at all levels.

### **262. UPGRADE OF THE PUBLIC SPACE CCTV CONTROL ROOM WITHIN PERTH POLICE STATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/256) outlining the work being carried out to upgrade the Public Space CCTV Control Room situated within Perth Police Station.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 09/256 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a further report to the Community Safety Committee on completion of the work.

**263. IMPLICATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/257), (1) summarising the main effects of the new Public Health etc (Scotland) Act; and (2) detailing the implications of the Act to the Council and Community Planning Partners.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The new powers and duties placed on the Council by the Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008, be noted.
- \* (ii) It be recommended to the Council that the Scheme of Administration be amended to allow for the Executive Director (Environment) to appoint competent persons in terms of Part 1 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008, and a list of such competent persons be maintained.
- (iii) It be agreed that the Council worked with NHS Tayside to develop a joint Health Protection Plan for the area.
- (iv) It be agreed that the Council sought agreement with NHS Tayside and Tayside Police over the future provision of mortuary facilities for the Council area.
- (v) It be noted that Report 09/257 would be considered by the Strategic Health Partnership at its meeting on 3 July 2009.

**264. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2008/2009 AND 2009/2010**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/258), (1) indicating the projects funded by the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership during 2008/2009; and (2) requesting that funding for the Community Safety Partnership be continued in 2009/2010.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The decision of the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership to fund the projects described in Report 09/258 during 2008/2009, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that funding to the Community Safety Partnership in 2009/2010, to enable the Partnership to make a significant contribution to the priorities identified within the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Strategy 2007-2012 and the Single Outcome Agreement, be continued.

**265. PROTECTING SCOTLAND'S COMMUNITIES – FAIR, FAST AND FLEXIBLE JUSTICE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/259) advising of the key elements of *Protecting Scotland's Communities* (the Government's response to *Scotland's Choice* and *Reforming and Revitalising*) being taken forward into the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

Report 09/259 was followed by a short film entitled *Reducing Reoffending in Perth and Kinross*.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) Steps taken by the Criminal Justice Section to prepare for the implementation of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill, as it related to Criminal Justice Social Work, be supported.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring forward a further report on full implementation when the final content of the Bill, and supporting funding, are known.
- (iii) The contents of Report 09/259 otherwise be noted.

**266. TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Inspector A McCann, Tayside Police, advised members of the very positive feedback received from the community in Blairgowrie as a result of the recent Task Force exercise. The Task Force was a Tayside-wide community police initiative covering Angus, Perth and Kinross and Dundee Council areas. More detailed analysis of the figures was required but it was already known that three-quarters of the public surveyed had been aware of the Task Force and considered it beneficial to the community. The new Western Divisional Commander of Tayside Police, Chief Superintendent Craig Suttie, was now looking at ways of sustaining some of the positive outcomes.

**267. REVIEW OF THE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY AND DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/260) outlining a proposal to review the effectiveness of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy and its implementation structures.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Scottish Government's new national framework, in respect of combating antisocial behaviour, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report to a future meeting of the Community Safety Committee outlining the recommendations of the review of the effectiveness of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy and its implementation structures.

**268. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/2009 (Art. 244)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/230) providing details of performance against Housing and Community Care Business Management and Improvement Plan targets for the year ending 31 March 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Annual Performance Report of Housing and Community Care 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/230, pertaining to the Community Safety Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.

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- (ii) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/230, would be published on the Council's website with a summary report made available for all stakeholders.
- (iii) It be noted that the report had also been considered and accepted by the Housing and Health Committee on 13 May 2009.
- (iv) It be noted that this Annual Performance Report would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2009 to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.

**269. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008-2009**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/261) reviewing Service performance against The Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/2009 pertaining to the Community Safety Committee's areas of responsibility, as detailed in Report 09/261, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/09 would also be submitted to both the Environment Committee and the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 3 June 2009.
- (iii) It be noted that the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/09 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2009 to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.

**270. SECURING THE FUTURE**

A Chappell, Team Leader, Drugs and Alcohol, gave a presentation demonstrating the achievements made by Drugs and Alcohol Team over the past year, along with examples of various partnerships which had been developed. These Partnerships contributed to child protection, community safety, carers support and better outcomes for service users.

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