

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 23 August 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barr, Caddell, Coburn, Flynn, A Grant (substituting for Councillor E Grant), Hayton (substituting for Councillor Barnacle), Hunter, Jack, Lyall, Mair, Simpson and Young.

In attendance: D Roberts Executive Director (Housing & Community Care); J Dean, J Gilruth, (both Housing & Community Care); D Stewart, T Brydone and J Roxburgh (all The Environment Service); P Wallace and J Irons (both Chief Executive's); S Thornton and A Wilson (both Corporate Services); Sergeant Pettigrew, Tayside Police.

Councillor Barr, Convener, Presiding.

531. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

532. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 7 June 2006 (Arts. 394-399) was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

533. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR NOISE NUISANCE SERVICE

Tom Brydone, Environmental Health Manager, gave a short presentation on the Anti Social Behaviour Noise Nuisance Team. He explained that the Anti Social Behaviour Noise Nuisance Team was a partnership between Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service and Tayside Police. The team could only deal with noise from residential premises or grounds which could be heard from within residential premises. He outlined the levels of permitted noise and the chain of sanctions available, including advice and education, mediation, warning notice, fixed penalty notice, report to Procurator Fiscal and ultimately seizure of equipment. It was noted that the team had dealt with approximately 300 complaints, 80% of which were between 8pm and 2am, and a significant number of which were at weekends. After answering a number of questions from Members, Tom Brydone was thanked for his presentation.

534. RESPONSE TO 'DRAFT NATIONAL ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR SEX OFFENDERS (NASSO)'

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/571) seeking approval of the proposed response by Perth and Kinross Council to the Draft National Accommodation Strategy for Sex Offenders.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of the proposed response by Perth and Kinross Council to the Draft National Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 06/571, be noted and approved subject to the following additions:-
 - a) that the multi-agency working group which produced the draft national strategy should consider in more detail not only the resource implications for local authorities of implementing its recommendations, but also the need for a co-ordinated strategic approach for delivery of this strategy and that, in the Council's view, the Community Justice Authorities provide an appropriate strategic vehicle for this purpose.
 - b) that the Scottish Executive ensures that this and other related emerging areas of strategy, such as MAPPA Guidance (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) and eventual recommendations of the Justice Two Committee on Child Sex Offenders are appropriately integrated, prior to final stage publication.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) liaise with other local providers of accommodation once the final strategy has been published.

- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) revise the Draft 'Managing Serious Offenders Protocol' for Perth and Kinross Council area in light of the final strategy.

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

The Convener ruled that in his opinion the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 due to the other two constituent Councils having already made decisions, during the time Perth and Kinross officers carried out their own in depth study of the options available as to the future provision of analytical and scientific services within the Tayside area.

535. ANALYTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (06/616) seeking approval for a partnership agreement with Dundee City Council and Angus Council involving relocation of the Public Analyst Service. It was noted that due to the forthcoming expiry of the tri-partite agreement on analytical and scientific services and the deteriorating condition of the building in Dundee that houses the Public Analyst, it would be necessary to consider future provision of the service and the accommodation needs of the Public Analyst.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to enter into a new ten year agreement with Angus Council and Dundee City Council for provision of analytical and scientific services.
- (ii) The relocation of the Public Analyst service to a new purpose built laboratory in Dundee be agreed.
- (iii) To meet the Perth and Kinross share of the costs of the new provision in accordance with the details set out in Appendix 2 of the Report 06/616, the additional element of which would require to be built into revenue budget provision from 2007/08 onwards.
- (iv) To note that Dundee City Council and Angus Council had agreed to enter into this agreement and meet their share of costs.