

# 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 1 March 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barr, Barnacle, Caddell, Coburn, Ellis (substituting for Councillor Lyall), E Grant, Flynn, Hunter, Lennie, Mair and Simpson.

In attendance: D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth (Education and Children's Services); J Dean (Housing and Community Care); D Stewart, J Dixon and S Aldred (all Environment Services); Chief Superintendent M Hamilton (Tayside Police); V Goldthorp and A Wilson (both Corporate Services (Council Secretary Division)).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Lyall and Young.

Councillor Barr, Presiding.

Prior to commencement of business the Convener welcomed Val Goldthorp, Committee Officer and Jim Dean, Lead Officer Adult Care, to their first meeting of Community Safety Committee.

## 140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 141. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 18 January 2006 was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

## 142. THE MANAGEMENT OF OFFENDERS ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

There was submitted a report by Depute Director (Community Care) (06/158) detailing key changes for local authorities arising from The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 including: (1) the introduction of Community Justice Authorities (CJA) with membership drawn from elected members of the local authorities within the Community Justice Area, and whose function will be preparation of a plan for reducing re-offending within the geographical area of the CJA, (2) the extension of post-Licence supervision arrangements for sex offenders whose sentence exceeded more than six months imprisonment; and (3) the introduction of Orders of lifelong restriction for very serious offenders.

### Resolved:

- (i) That the Council commit itself to playing a full and active part in the Tayside Community Justice Authority which would begin its shadow year on 1 April 2006.
- (ii) The contents of Report 06/158 be approved and noted.
- (iii) The Chief Social Work Officer submit a report to this Committee in twelve months providing information on the progress of key elements of this Act prior to the Community Justice Authority assuming its formal statutory responsibilities on 1 April 2007.
- \* (iv) That nominations of Elected Members to the Community Justice Authority be sought at the Council meeting on 29 March 2006.

## 143. MILK/HYGIENE AWARDS 2005 (Arts. 874/05)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Regulatory Services (06/159) (i) recommending that Perth and Kinross Council recognised the efforts of those food and dairy proprietors listed in the report who operated their businesses to the high standards required by the eligibility criteria of the Perth and Kinross Council Milk/Food Hygiene Awards Scheme; and (2) noting that the Awards system had been run successfully for the last 25 years and it was now appropriate to embrace the Food Standard Agency (Scotland)'s national 'Eatsafe' food hygiene award scheme.

### Resolved:

- (i) Certificates of Excellence be awarded to those food premises included in Appendix 1 to Report 06/159.

- (ii) Certificates of Excellence be presented at an awards ceremony to proprietors of the relevant food businesses.
- (iii) Suitably designed stickers for window display highlighting the business' achievement as an award winner be presented to the proprietors of the premises concerned.
- (iv) A commemorative plaque be awarded to any businesses who, for a period of five consecutive years, had achieved Excellent Award status 2005, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/159.
- (v) Certificates of Excellence be presented at an awards ceremony to dairy proprietors included in Appendix 2 to Report 06/159, for the production of milk satisfying the following criteria.
  - (a) Milk samples taken by Council officers over a period of at least two years yielding no failures;
  - (b) The two month geometric mean figures of first purchaser samples taken in 2005 for total bacterial count not exceeding 50,000 per ml.
- (vi) A commemorative plaque be awarded to any dairy proprietor achieving Excellent Award status for a period of five consecutive years or any multiple thereof as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 06/159.

#### **144. PUBLICATION OF FOOD HYGIENE INFORMATION (Arts. 874/05)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Regulatory Services (06/160): (i) detailing proposals being developed by the Food Standards Agency (Scotland) in respect of a pilot scheme for the voluntary publication of summary performance information on food hygiene standards in food premises to aid consumer choice, and (ii) recommending that the Council participate in the pilot scheme when finalised.

**Resolved:**

The Executive Director (Environment Services) be instructed to participate in the pilot scheme for the voluntary display of summary information of hygiene standards within food businesses in the areas as detailed in Report 06/160.