

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

10 September 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 10 September 2008 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors W Robertson, E Maclachlan, Councillor 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: D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth and J Irons (both Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's) and Inspector A McCann, Tayside Police.

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

500. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

501. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 18 June 2008 (Arts. 374-381) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

502. REVIEW OF PROHIBITION OF DRINKING ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC BYELAWS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/449) advising of the results of a review on byelaws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public and recommending that the byelaws should continue.

Resolved:

- (i) The results of the review on byelaws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public be noted.
- (ii) The continuation of the byelaws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public be approved.

503. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/450) appending the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2007/08.

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Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2007/08 appended to Report 08/450 be noted.

504. 'SCOTLAND'S CHOICE' – REPORT OF THE SCOTTISH PRISONS COMMISSION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/451) highlighting the key recommendations contained in the Scottish Prison Commission report, 'Scotland's Choices'. The review was undertaken in response to the significant challenges arising from the steadily escalating prison incarceration rate and recent high profile cases.

Resolved:

- (i) The recommendations made in the Scottish Prison Commission's review of the current use of prisons in Scotland, as detailed in Report 08/451, be endorsed.
- (ii) The potential implications for service delivery and local proposals to improve service delivery in line with these recommendations, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit an update report to the Community Safety Committee on the implementation of the Commission's report and the steps taken locally to implement the review's recommendations.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to write, on behalf of the Committee, urging the Scottish Government to accept and implement the recommendations made in the Commission's report.

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