

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 12 August 2009 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors W Robertson, E Maclachlan, A Cowan, C Gillies, A Grant, C Shiers, L Simpson, M Roberts, W Wilson (substituting for Councillor P Barrett) and A Younger.

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); K McNamara and S Nicoll (both The Environment Service); J Irons (Housing and Community Care); J Jarvie, M Kay and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service); E Knox and J Robertson (both Tayside Police).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors P Barrett, L Caddell, P Mulheron and H Stewart.

Councillor W Robertson, Convener, Presiding.

395. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

396. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 27 May 2009 (Arts. 259-270) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLOR A GRANT JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

397. AN ACTION PLAN TO TACKLE GRAFFITI AND FLY POSTING

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/357) setting out a new approach to preventing, removing, enforcing and co-ordinating a multi-agency response to tackle the environmental crimes of graffiti and fly posting.

Resolved:

The terms of Report 09/357 be noted and the Action Plan for Graffiti and Fly Posting appended thereto be approved.

398. REPAYMENT OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY CHARGES (Art. 507/07)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/358) seeking approval, following a change in Scottish Government policy, to amend the existing charging regime applied to the higher risk (Type A) private water supplies to allow the costs of the initial 'one off' extensive chemical and bacteriological samples to be repaid to water users by the Council, following satisfactory completion of all works necessary to ensure a consistent, safe supply of water. The repayment costs

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to users subsequently would be reimbursed to the Council from the allocated Scottish Government funding at the end of each financial year.

Resolved:

The cost of all 'one off' audit water samples taken since December 2008 be repaid to the user/owners of private water supplies who successfully complete the improvements to their private supply as required by the Council's Environment Service, and all audit samples required of the new Type A supplies identified in future.

399. FIRE AND RESCUE FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2009 – CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/359), (1) advising of the terms of a consultation document issued by the Scottish Government to key stakeholders on a draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009; and (2) seeking approval to submit a composite consultation response to the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the consultation on a draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009 be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed, following consultation between the Convener of the Community Safety Committee and the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), a composite response to the consultation be submitted to the Scottish Government on behalf of the Council.

***400. PROGRESS ON ALCOHOL CONFERENCE ACTIONS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/360) identifying the progress made by the Community Planning Strategic Health and Community Safety Partnerships and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in delivering the nine actions identified through the 'Real Unit Cost' Conference on Alcohol held on 12 November 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress made in delivering the key actions arising from the Conference, as detailed in Report 09/360, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) submit a further report to the Community Safety, Housing and Health and Lifelong Learning Committees in six months time detailing the further progress made in the relevant action areas.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 09/360 would be submitted to the Council's Lifelong Learning and Housing and Health Committees on 19 August 2009 for their consideration.

401. CORPORATE PARENTING MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP REMIT

There was submitted and noted a draft remit for the Corporate Parenting Member/Officer Working Group (09/369), which would be submitted to the Council's Lifelong Learning Committee on 19 August 2009 for that Committee's consideration.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

402. PILOT CHILD SEX OFFENDER DISCLOSURE SCHEME

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/379) advising of the Pilot Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme being run by Tayside Police and the Scottish Government.

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