

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
23 April 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 23 April 2008 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Maclachlan, P Barrett, A Cowan, A Grant, G Hayton (substituting for Councillor L Caddell), P Mulheron, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan (substituting for H Stewart) and A Younger

In attendance: D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing & Community Care); J Gilruth and J Irons (Housing & Community Care); D Stewart, C McCallion and T Brydone (all the Environment Service); and A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell, C Gillies, C Shiers, W Robertson and H Stewart.

Councillor Maclachlan, Vice-Convener, Presiding.

243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

244. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 13 February 2008 (Arts. 93-99) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

245. RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT PART 5 (NOISE NUISANCE) OF THE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/221) proposing continued implementation of the noise nuisance provisions of Part 5 of the Antisocial Behaviour, etc (Scotland) Act 2004, under the same terms as previously agreed by the Community Safety Committee in January 2006 (Art. 22/06 refers).

Resolved:

- (i) The provisions of Part 5 of the Antisocial Behaviour, etc (Scotland) Act 2004, in respect of noise nuisance, continue to be implemented.
- (ii) That each whole week be specified as a noise control period, beginning on 23 June 2008 and ending on 22 June 2010 (with the exception of the Christmas/New Year Council closure period) in terms of Section 41 of the Antisocial Behaviour, etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

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- (iii) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary legal documentation for the resolution, and to advertise the said resolution as required, as detailed in Appendix A of Report 08/221.

246. "REFORMING AND REVITALISING" – THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PENALTIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/222) summarising the key proposals contained in the Scottish Government's recent review of Community Penalties, published in November 2007, highlighting both local implications and actions to progress the review.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the review and the potential implications for service delivery, as detailed in Report 08/222, be noted.
- (ii) The Committee endorse particular support to the following proposals within Report 08/222 relating to:
 - 1. Reviewing current Community Service practices;
 - 2. The development of a market garden project;
 - 3. Improved Community Engagement.
- (iii) It be noted that a further report would be submitted to the Committee in twelve months time detailing progress in key areas.

247. DRINK DRIVING REDUCTION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/223) recommending that the Community Safety Committee supported the reduction in the drink driving limit from 80 to 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

Resolved:

- (i) A reduction in the prescribed limit for driving with alcohol from 80 to 50 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood be supported.
- (ii) The Vice Convener, in conjunction with the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), write to the Secretary of State for Transport on behalf of the Committee, requesting that legislation be brought forward to implement this change as soon as possible.

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

248. MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE PRISON OPEN ESTATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/224) detailing proposals for the transfer of management arrangements in respect of Social Work Services at Noranside Open Estate Prison from Angus Council to Perth and Kinross Council.

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Resolved:

- (i) The proposed changes in management structure with respect to Social Work Services for HMP Open Estate, Noranside, as detailed in Report 08/224, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that a similar report had also been agreed by Angus Council Social Work and Health Committee.
- (iii) Report 08/224 be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, scheduled for 11 June 2008 for its interest.

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