

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 26 April 2006 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: Councillor McEwan; D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Dean (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth (Education and Children's Service); J Irons, Executive Director (Environment), D Stewart and C Haggart (The Environment Service); J Irons (Tayside Police); V Goldthorp and A Wilson (both Corporate Services); P Munro and P Graham (both Chief Executive's)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor E Grant.

Councillor Barr, Convener, Presiding.

272. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

273. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 1 March 2006 (Arts. 140-144) was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

274. SAFER CITY CENTRE (Art. 250/05)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Performance Planning and Management (06/304), (1) outlining the consultation undertaken in relation to licensees contributing to Police resources; and (2) recommending that the proposed scheme of financial contributions towards policing is not progressed further.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the consultation undertaken with the Perth City Licensees, Tayside Police, Perth City Centre Management Initiative and the Head of Legal Services.
- (ii) To abandon the proposed scheme of financial contributions towards policing.
- (iii) That the Community Safety Partnership's work to increase safety in the City Centre by engaging with licensees and other relevant parties to develop effective initiatives, be endorsed.

275. BREAKING THE CYCLE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/305) providing details of the "Breaking the Cycle" project which had been awarded funding from the Scottish Executive for the next two years, to be entitled HELP (Housing, Education and Lifestyle Partnership) and to be based on the themes of the Council's anti-social behaviour strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) The outline offer of funding from the Scottish Executive for the Breaking the Cycle project, as detailed in Report 06/305, be accepted.
- (ii) The arrangements for the management of the project, as detailed in Report 06/305, be noted.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a revised plan to the Scottish Executive to enable the final offer of funding to be agreed.
- (iv) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to appoint and manage an external agency to undertake the project in partnership with the Council.

276. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006/09 (Art. 569/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/306) seeking approval for the Business Management and Improvement Plan for Community Care Services (including Criminal Justice) 2006 to 2009.

Resolved:

- (i) The Criminal Justice Service element of the Business Management and Improvement Plan 2006/09, as detailed in the Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 06/306, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the submission of performance reports over 2006/07 and each subsequent year of the Plan, would be presented at the end of each year to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee in the first instance and that the Housing and Health Committee and Community Safety Committee subsequently would receive copies for information.

277. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006/07 TO 2008/09 (Art. 592/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/290) presenting the Business Management and Improvement Plan for The Environment Service for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Report pertaining to Community Safety and the interests of the Committee, be approved.
- (ii) Reports detailing performance during 2006/07 and each subsequent year of the Plan, following their presentation to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee, be submitted for the information of the Community Safety Committee.
- (iii) The considerable efforts of staff in the Service be commended.