

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 7 November 2012 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors B Ellis (substituting for D Pover), D Cuthbert (substituting for R Brock), A Younger (substituting for J Coburn), J Giacobazzi, A Grant, G Laing, A MacLellan, A Munro, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and M Williamson.

In attendance: Councillor B Vaughan (up to and including Art. 548); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker (Depute Director, Housing and Community Care); J Newton, J Irons, and J Gilruth (all Housing and Community Care); K McNamara (The Environment Service); G Taylor and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors D Pover, J Coburn and R Brock.

544. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In terms of Standing Order 23, as the Convener and Vice Convener of the Community Safety Committee were both absent, it was necessary to appoint another member to preside.

Councillor B Ellis, seconded by Councillor J Giacobazzi, nominated Councillor A Grant.

Councillor A Grant thereupon assumed the Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

545. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

546. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 22 August 2012 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 11 June 2012 was submitted and noted.
- (iii) The minute of meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 11 June 2012 was submitted and noted.

547. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTHLY BMIP PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/499) reviewing the performance of The Environment Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012.

Resolved:

Following consideration, and having noted that Report 12/499 would also be considered by the Environment Committee and the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 7 November 2012; and by the Scrutiny Committee on 21 November 2012, approved the contents of The Environment Service Six Monthly BMIP Performance Exception Report as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 12/499, and as pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility.

548. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTHLY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BMIP) PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/482) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012.

During discussion of Report 12/482, the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) reported that Audit Scotland had today published a report entitled '*Reducing Reoffending in Scotland*' on the efficiency and effectiveness of approaches taken to reduce reoffending.

Resolved:

- (i) Following consideration, and having noted that Report 12/482 had been considered by the Housing and Health Committee on 31 October 2012, and would be considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 21 November 2012, approved the contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Monthly BMIP Performance Exception Report, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 12/482, and as pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility.
- (ii) Following the publication of the Audit Scotland report, '*Reducing Reoffending in Scotland*', the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report on re-offending rates to the next meeting of the Housing and Health Committee.

549. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AT RISK OF OFFENDING IN PERTH CITY AND EXTENSION OF CAPACITY AT DRUMHAR MEDICAL CENTRE TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/500) setting out proposals to (1) establish integrated support services for women offenders within Perth City; and (2) extend the access to General Medical Services for Perth City's most vulnerable people.

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Resolved:

- (i) The establishment of a specialist mentoring and befriending service for women offenders aged 16 and over who are at risk of offending, re-offending or custody and who require targeted support to reduce their risk of offending, be approved.
- (ii) The development of a Women's Centre, in partnership with Drug and Alcohol Services and the Central Health Care Team, and reflecting the range of needs experienced by Women Offenders be approved.
- (iii) The commitment of £180,000, over 3 years, be approved for the development of mentoring and befriending services to be funded from the Community Safety and Wellbeing Earmarked Reserve, subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 21 November 2012.
- (iv) The allocation of £90,000 over 3 years be approved, to fund General Practice input to the Central Health Care Team, to provide 5 day week access to General Medical Services for Perth City Centre's most vulnerable people and secure a base for the development of a Women's Centre, all within Drumhar Medical Centre, Perth the funding to be met from Community Safety and Wellbeing Earmarked Reserve, subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approval on 21 November 2012.
- (v) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to review the impact of these proposed integrated befriending and mentoring services for women linked to a Women's Centre, and report back to Community Safety Committee in 12 months time, and to include and evaluation of the Mauve General Practice at Drumhar Medical Centre.

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