

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 4 December 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Pover, J Coburn, R Brock, H Anderson (substituting for Councillor J Giacomazzi), G Laing, E MacLachlan, A MacLellan, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and M Williamson.

In attendance: J Gilruth, J Irons and M Notman (all Housing and Community Care); J Dixon and W Young (both The Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; Chief Superintendent H Macpherson, Chief Inspector M Pettigrew and Chief Inspector M Whitford (all Police Scotland); B Barbour, Scottish Police Authority Board; Group Manager R Middlemiss and Area Manager D Stapley (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); B Benson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board; J Doig, Scottish Community Safety Forum.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Giacomazzi and Munro.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Arts. 706-708, the Vice-Convener for Arts. 703-705.

700. GLASGOW HELICOPTER CRASH

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener referred to the recent helicopter crash in Glasgow city centre and on behalf of the Committee offered his condolences to the family and friends of all those who had lost their lives in this tragic incident. The Convener also paid tribute to the emergency services, rescue crews and the general public for the magnificent effort made by all concerned in very difficult circumstances.

701. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

702. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 28 August 2013 (Arts. 485-495) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

703. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2013

There reviewing the performance of The Environment Service against 2013/14 Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013 was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/539) September 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Environment Service Six Monthly BMIP Exception Report 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report (13/359), and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/539 was considered by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and the Environment Committee on 20 November 2013 and scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013.

704. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/512) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Monthly BMIP Exception Report 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report (13/512), and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/512 was considered by the Housing and Health Committee on 6 November 2013 and scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013.

705. COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/563) providing an update on the implementation and operation of Community Payback Orders and other services provided by the Criminal Justice section in Perth and Kinross for the period 2012/2013, in accordance with the requirements of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The work being taken forward by the Criminal Justice section and its partners across Perth and Kinross be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a comprehensive Criminal Justice progress report to the Committee in 6 months time.

706. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (13/564) providing an update on recent developments within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Following discussion of the report and having heard from Area Manager Stapley the Committee:

Resolved:

The recent developments within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in relation to: (1) the Strategic Plan; (2) the Strategic Intent document, and (3) industrial action by the Fire Brigades Union, be noted.

(ii) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Quarterly Performance Report 1 July to 30 September 2013

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (13/565) advising of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in respect of local service delivery in Perth and Kinross for the second quarter of 2013/14.

Following discussion of the performance report and having heard from Area Manager Stapley the Committee:-

Resolved:

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2013-14, as detailed in Report 13/565, be noted.

(iii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results from 1 April to 30 September 2013

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Macpherson, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (13/566) updating the Committee on the local policing area performance results for the period 1 April to 30 September 2013.

Following discussion of the performance report and having heard from Chief Superintendent Macpherson, the Committee:-

Resolved:

The local policing area performance results for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April to 30 September 2013 as detailed in Report 13/566 be noted.

(iv) Call Handling Tayside Division – Operational Report

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector Pettigrew, Contact Command and Control Division, Dundee Area Control Room and Service Centre, Police Scotland (13/567) updating the Committee on the performance of the Call Handling (Tayside) Division of Police Scotland.

Following discussion of the Operational Report and having heard from Chief Inspector Pettigrew, the Committee:

Resolved:

The performance and ongoing improvements of the Call Handling (Tayside) Division of Police Scotland, as detailed in Report 13/567, be noted.

(v) Operational Report Part 1 – December 2013

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector Whitford, Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Community Policing Division (13/568) updating the Committee on operational matters of interest within the Perth and Kinross area in relation to housebreakings; organised crime gangs and prostitution.

Following discussion of the report and having heard from Chief Inspector Whitford, the Committee:-

Resolved:

The content of the Operational Report be noted.

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

707. Scottish Fire and Rescue Operational Report Part 2

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Group Manager Middlemiss of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area which were not to be made publically available.

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