

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 21 May 2014 at 2.00pm.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, M Notman and N Rodgerson (all Housing and Community Care); J Dixon (up to and including Art 357), C Haggart and W Young (all The Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent E Smith, Inspector I Scott and Constable R Grieve (all Police Scotland); Area Manager D Stapley and Group Manager R Middlemiss (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Simpson.

The Convener led discussion on Articles 352-355 and 359-361) and the Vice Convener on Articles 356-358.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

352. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. An apology for absence was noted as above.

353. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

354. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 5 March 2014 (Arts. 150-160) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

355. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) provided a verbal update on the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership – Community Safety and Environment Group. At its meeting on 16 May 2014 the Group had deliberated and agreed the following key milestones/actions for inclusion within its

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Outcome Delivery Plan: (1) alcohol-related community safety issues; (2) drug related crime; (3) road safety and water safety; (4) scams; (5) home safety. The Group had also agreed to extend and report on the work of integrated Community Safety-related Groups, to establish a working group to identify vulnerability issues which span various groups in society, and to build on earlier successes to reducing reoffending. The Executive Director advised that following approval of the Plan by the Community Planning Partnership Board further work would take place with communities to build on the actions contained within the Plan.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be requested to submit six monthly reports to the Community Safety Committee on progress made on the key milestones/actions for community safety contained within the Outcome Delivery Plan.

356. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/217) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for Housing and Community Care.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for Housing and Community Care, pertaining to the Community Safety Committee's area of responsibility, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/217, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/217 would also be considered by the Housing and Health Committee on 28 May 2014 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

357. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/212) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for the Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) The Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for the Environment Service, pertaining to the Community Safety Committee's area of responsibility, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/212, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/212 would also be considered by the Environment and Enterprise and Infrastructure Committees on 4 June 2014 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

358. SCOTTISH SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAMME REVIEW CONSULTATION RESPONSE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/213) (1) detailing the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Review Consultation Document produced by The Scottish Government via Transport Scotland; and (2) recommending a proposed response on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft response to the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Review, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 14/213), be endorsed.
- (ii) The Depute Director of the Environment Service be instructed to forward the response to The Scottish Government on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council.

359. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/214) detailing: (1) the methodology applied to determine the priorities and objectives for inclusion within the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 and the process of engagement and consultation; (2) an overview of how the plan would contribute to both national and local planning frameworks; and (3) seeking approval of the plan.

Following discussion of Report 14/214 and having heard from Area Manager Stapley the Committee:

Resolved:

- (i) The methodology used to determine local priorities, the objectives within the Plan and the relationship to national frameworks, as detailed in Report 14/214, be noted.
 - (ii) The feedback received through local consultation and engagement and the proposed amendments to the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17, as detailed in Report 14/214, be noted.
 - (iii) The Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017, as appended to Report 14/214, be approved.
- (ii) Fire and Rescue Quarterly and Year End Performance Report – 1 January to 31 March 2014**

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/215) advising of: (1) the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in local service delivery in 2013/14 for the period 1 January to 31 March 2014, and (2) the accumulative performance for the first full year of the new Service.

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In response to questions from the Committee on Report 14/215, Area Manager Stapley provided further information in relation to: (1) deliberate secondary fires; (2) the decrease in the percentage of operational personnel who had retained currency of risk critical core skills, and (3) the work being undertaken with key partners on home safety visits.

Resolved:

The performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities contained in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross from January to March 2014 and the Year End Performance Report results, as detailed in Report 14/215, be noted.

(iii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Performance Results – 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Smith, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (14/216) providing an update on performance results for the Perth and Kinross policing area for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 in relation to: (1) violence; (2) disorder and antisocial behaviour; (3) public protection; (4) road safety; (5) public confidence, and (6) other additional identified local priorities. The report also provided information and proposals on bogus crime/doorstep crime and a synopsis of recent housebreaking interventions both locally and nationally.

In response to questions from the Committee, Chief Superintendent Smith provided further information in relation to rape detection rates and the use by Police Scotland of targeted stop and search methods as a tool to reduce violent crime and to keep local communities safe.

Resolved:

The local policing area performance results for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, as detailed in Report 14/216 be approved.

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.

360. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT – OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

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

**361. POLICE SCOTLAND – LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT –
OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS**

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