



COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMUNITY SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment group held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Friday 16 May 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant and D Pover, (both Perth and Kinross Council); G Clark (Scottish National Heritage); N Gardiner (TACTRAN); D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); J Kerr, (Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services); H Llewellyn (Tayside Community Justice Authority); R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue); J Robertson, (Police Scotland); and W Strathearn (Victim Support Scotland).

In Attendance: G Esson, J Gilruth, A Harris, B Renton, K McNamara, M Notman, J Somerville and J Walker (all Perth and Kinross Council); and C Johnston (Tayside Community Justice Authority).

Apologies for Absence: E Guthrie, (TACTRAN); and J Valentine (Perth and Kinross Council).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor D Pover, Convener, welcomed all those present at the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP OF 9 DECEMBER 2014

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 9 December 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minute of 9 December 2013.

5. RESTRUCTURING OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE

H Llewellyn and C Johnston, Tayside Community Justice Authority (CJA), provided a joint verbal update to the Group on the position relevant to the current process of consultation/the restructuring of community justice being undertaken by the Scottish Government. During the update specific reference was made to:-

- The background to the present position of Community Justice Authorities; the key responsibilities; and ring-fenced funding of the Authorities
- Adequacy of powers; expectations not being met; and proposed new landscapes
- The final consultation and a new fourth option, with Community Planning Partnerships now involved in this consultation
- Anticipated local delivery and a national body
- Tayside CJA current role being to contribute to the transition.

C Johnston provide further information regarding the way the current funding within Tayside was allocated (50% Dundee, 25% Angus and 25% Perth & Kinross) and of the potential for a real terms reduction in future funding. J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), suggested that in order to adopt the principles of the Christie Commission, it would be expected that financial mechanisms would be reviewed. J Gilruth noted the importance of the community planning approach to funding undertaken in Perth and Kinross since 2004. He also referred to economies of scale; current successful initiatives; and to the Council historically contributing more than the allocated funding.

C Johnston noted the potential lack of clarity in areas such as reduction in reoffending; area plans; the extent of partnership arrangements; and a possible shadow structure. He confirmed that the Tayside CJA was keen to work with potential community planning partners to begin scoping the options in order to plan for the post-consultation transition period.

The Convener thanked H Llewellyn and C Johnston for providing the informative update to the Group.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTCOME DELIVERY PLAN

Prior to discussion of the draft action plans, J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), reported on the ongoing excellent work being undertaken across the partnership agencies and noted that all Community Planning Groups were now required to submit an Outcome Delivery Plan (ODP) to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) scheduled to take place on Friday 23 May 2014. He advised that the purpose of the ODP was to set out a detailed route map explaining how priority actions and key milestones against local outcomes would be achieved over the course of 2014/15. He added that the documents submitted would continue to be developed; would now be progressed further through lead officers; and that regular updates would be provided to the Group.

(1) Draft Environmental Actions For 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (G/14/142) (1) setting out the activities undertaken so far in developing the Environmental Plan, part of the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Plan, and (2) proposing a draft plan of actions for the Group's consideration. An appendix - Action Plan was tabled at the meeting.

K McNamara, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, referred to the a workshop that had taken place in January 2013 with the Community Planning Partners and to the progress having been reported at the workshop that had taken place on 28 March 2014. He apologised for the late circulation of the appendix which had occurred to allow the maximum time for consultation with members. He then briefly spoke to the draft action plan, answered questions from members and highlighted links, for example, with the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and the Fuel Poverty Action Plan.

N Gardiner suggested that it might be preferable to refer to 'active travel infrastructure' rather than 'safer streets' and in response to a question regarding the opportunity for members to make further comments, K McNamara noted the need for the document to be submitted to the imminent meeting of the CPP but agreed to accept further comments received prior to this submission.

Resolved

The appended actions for the Environmental section of the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Plan be approved.

(2) Draft Community Safety Action Plan For 2014/15

There was submitted an Community Safety Action Plan (G/14/143) by the Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) proposing a draft plan of actions for the Group's consideration. J Gilruth, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) spoke to the Action Plan and answered members' questions in relation to specific points. R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue) and J Robertson, (Police Scotland) also provided an update on specific actions.

It was agreed that the reference to efficiency at page 1 to G/14/143 be reworded; reference to TIS be amended to read Tayside Intensive Support Project; reference to 'water safety' be included; and the inclusion of 'Moving Forward, Making Changes' initiative/a reoffending subset in a future action plan be considered.

Resolved

- (i) The Community Safety draft plan of actions section of the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery plan be approved.

- (ii) A Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Plan, incorporating both the Community Safety and Environmental action plans, be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Community Planning Partnership.

7. BUILDING A COMMUNITY SAFETY PROFILE

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 15 August at 10.00am.