

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 5 November 2014 at 2.00pm.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, P Banks, D Fraser, M Notman and R Ross (all Housing and Community Care); K McNamara (The Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan, Chief Superintendent E Smith, Inspector I Scott, and Constable I McIntyre (all Police Scotland); Area Manager D Stapley, Group Manager R Middlemiss, E Baird and P Robertson (all Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); B Benson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board; G Patterson, Deputy Head of Strategy – Police Division and R Whetton – The Improvement Service (both Scottish Government) and J Wood, CoSLA.

The Convener led discussion on Articles 724 to 727 and 732 to 735 and the Vice Convener on Articles 728 to 731.

Councillor Pover, Convener, Presiding.

724. WELCOME

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting.

725. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

726. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 20 August 2014 (Arts. 541-548) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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

Update on the Community Safety and Environment Group

There was submitted and noted a briefing report by the Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/468) providing a summary of the business considered at the last meeting of the Community Planning – Community Safety and Environment Group.

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728. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/481) reviewing the performance of the Environment Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Environment Service Six Month BMIP Exception Report 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/481, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/481 would be considered by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and the Environment Committee on 12 November 2014 and would be scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2014.

729. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/449) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Month BMIP Exception Report 1 April to 30 September 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/470, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/470 was considered by the Housing and Health Committee on 29 October 2014 and would be scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee on 5 December 2014.

730. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AT RISK OF OFFENDING IN PERTH CITY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/471) providing an update on the work achieved following the implementation of the One-stop (previously known as Offending) Women's Learning and Mentoring Service (OWLS) for female offenders within the Criminal Justice System in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 14/471 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals to extend the remit of OWLS, as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of Report 14/471, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit an update report to Committee in 6 months' time.

731. PROGRESS OVERVIEW REPORT – SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/472) providing an update on the work and developments of the Safer Communities Team since the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 5 March 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The activity and performance of the Safer Communities Team as detailed in Report 14/472 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit an update on the activity and performance of the Safer Communities Team to Committee in 6 months' time.

**732. POLICE SCOTLAND AND SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:
LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Service Delivery -
Quarterly Performance Report – 1 July to 30 September 2014**

There was submitted a report by Area Manager Stapley, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (14/473) advising of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in local service delivery within the Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014 in support of Member scrutiny of local service delivery.

The Convener commended the actions of Volunteer and Retained Firefighters in tackling a large fire at the Spittal of Glenshee Hotel on 18 August 2014. On behalf of the Committee he thanked the crews and specialist services who had attended the incident and prevented this serious fire from spreading to other parts of the hotel complex.

In response to questions from the Committee on Report 14/473, Area Manager Stapley provided further information on: (1) the roll-out of risk critical core skills training for volunteer firefighters; (2) the community engagement and community education work relating to accidental fires and fires in communal closes; and (3) the Home Safety Visit 6 month trial partnership initiative.

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 for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014 as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 14/473, be noted.

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**(iii) Police Scotland - Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area
Performance Results – 1 July to 30 September 2014**

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Smith, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (14/474) providing an update on the performance results for the Perth and Kinross policing area for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014 in relation to Crime Groupings 1 to 4. The report included information on (1) local officers involvement in Project Jackal, a national initiative aimed at dismantling and disrupting criminal business structures and activity by capturing financial intelligence from serious and organised crime groups; (2) public protection and safety; (3) road safety and road traffic statistics; (4) antisocial behaviour; (5) major events and planning; (6) theft, housebreaking and scams; and (7) community engagement work.

In response to questions from the Committee on Report 14/474, Chief Superintendent Smith provided further information on: (1) the reduction in detection rates for drug supply, production and cultivation and road traffic offences and (2) the large decrease in the detection of the consumption of alcohol in designated places. The Chief Superintendent also responded to a number of concerns raised by Members' in relation to the role of community liaison officers.

Resolved:

The local policing area performance results for Perth and Kinross for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 14/474, be noted.

733. VALEDICTORY

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Area Manager David Stapley, after over 30 years' service, formerly with Tayside Fire and Rescue and latterly with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. He recounted Mr Stapley's lengthy career, thanking him for his contribution to the work of the Committee and for his dedicated service to the Perth and Kinross community. On behalf of the Committee the Convener wished him well in his retirement.

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.

734. 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.

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

The Committee received and noted a verbal report from Chief Superintendent Smith, Police Scotland, “D” Division, Tayside, on operational matters of interest in the Perth and Kinross area which were not to be made publically available.

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