

Report

Report to:	Social Work Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 August 2019
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care

Subject:	Community Payback Order Annual Report 2017/2018
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide assurance that our statutory duty to provide Scottish Ministers with an Annual Report on the operation of Community Payback Orders (CPO) has been fulfilled
- ◆ advise of the range and quality of the activities and projects reflected in the report

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the completion of the requirement to submit an Annual Report to Community Justice Scotland, as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the report demonstrates a broad range of activities across the requirements CPOs, in particular the Unpaid work activities and projects, with positive feedback from service users and recipients of work.

3. Background

- 3.1. Section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 places a duty on local authorities to prepare an Annual Report outlining the operation of Community Payback Orders (CPOs). The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 led to the establishment of Community Justice (Scotland) a non-departmental public body funded by and accountable to Scottish Ministers. The annual CPO report is now submitted directly to Community Justice.
- 3.2. The report is required to be a combination of statistical information detailing the number of CPOs imposed by the courts in South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) in the last financial year, the type of requirements imposed and a narrative of the activities and projects undertaken to allow them to fulfil their obligation to the court and their communities.
- 3.3. CPOs were initially introduced in 2011 and provide an alternative to custody with the intention of ensuring that those who commit offences make restitution to the community and engage in services which support their rehabilitation and social inclusion. 10% of the hours can be for "other activity" such as undertaking training to improve employability.

- 3.4. The Annual Report reflects the broad range of activities and projects undertaken across South Lanarkshire over the last financial year within communities and from our workshops. Recipients of the work undertaken by service users on CPO have also contributed to the report reflecting the positive impact our projects have had on people's lives and communities.
- 3.5. The CPO report for SLC was submitted to the Community Justice Authority by the required deadline of 31 October 2018.
- 3.6. CPO Annual Reports from all local authorities will be available on the Scottish Government website and we will make our report available on the SLC website.

4. Report

- 4.1. Over the course of 2017/2018, there have been significant developments in the delivery of the Unpaid Work Service (UWS) creating the conditions for the provision of a successful range of projects outlined in the attached report. Some of the successful projects, individual initiatives and other activity delivered in SLC are outlined below:
 - ◆ the UWS successfully upgraded a storage container for Grow 73, "a volunteer community group focusing on the development of growing opportunities within Rutherglen". This piece of work contributed to improving the environment by transforming an unused piece of land
 - ◆ vulnerable members of the community have been assisted with moving or clearing their homes of unneeded items. This helps ensure that the tenancies are maintained and sustained to a good standard. Some of the beneficiaries in the reporting period have included Burnbank Family Centre, Women's Aid and Shelter Homeless Support Service
 - ◆ the Service has also supported K-Woodlands, a new community engagement programme at the early stages of establishing a community woodland in East Kilbride. One of its aims is to act as a community focus that can help to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour by providing alternative activities especially for young people. The Service has provided on-going support to this project in relation to woodland furniture, pathways, planters and bridges. Many of the items of furniture constructed within our workshop were made from reclaimed wood from K-Woodlands
 - ◆ the Service has also provided gritting and snow clearance for vulnerable individuals living in residential homes within SLC
 - ◆ the Service has also delivered a range of woodwork projects such as the provision of planters and benches to St. Mary's, Hamilton and Bothwell Primary Schools. The addition of an evening wood workshop has increased the capacity of the service to deliver on these projects
 - ◆ there has been significant expansion of "other activity" within the Service which includes for example, the development of a Kitchen Learning Hub led by the Lanarkshire Food and Health Partnership. This service is delivered by a nutritionist and has assisted attendees to develop skills in food and nutrition and achieve a Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS) certificate in food hygiene
 - ◆ the aforementioned innovative developments within the Service have enabled many service users to improve their employability skills and in some instances to secure employment following their Order
 - ◆ the Service has now begun to use Outcome Star, a tool used to measure a person's progress across a range of dimensions during the time they are working

with the Service. This has offered evidence of improved outcomes for many service users

- ◆ an annual open day-in now takes place every September to promote the work undertaken through the auspices of Community Payback and the beneficial results for the community

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications as a result of the CPO Annual Report being published.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications as a result of the publication of the Community Payback Report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no risk implications associated with this report.
- 7.2. There are no sustainable development issues associated with this report.
- 7.3. There are no other implications as a result of the publication of the CPO Report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy, or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ improve community safety

Previous References

- ◆ Social Work Resources Committee – 7 February 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Community Payback Order Annual Report

Contact for Further Information

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