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Report to:	<b>Social Work Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>7 February 2018</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Payback Order Annual Report 2016/2017</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide assurance to the Committee 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 change to the annual reporting process be noted;
- (2) that the completion of the requirement to submit an annual report to Community Justice Scotland as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted; and
- (3) that it be noted that the report demonstrates a broad range of activities across the requirements of CPOs, in particular the Unpaid Work activities and projects with positive feedback from service users and recipients of work.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Changes in legislation for Community Based Sentences came into effect on 1 February 2011. The result of that change was the introduction of Community Payback Orders which replaced Community Service Orders, Probation Orders and Supervised Attendance Orders. This enables courts to impose one or more of a range of requirements on the offender (for example supervision; unpaid work; behaviour change programme; alcohol or drug treatment).
- 3.2. The legislation also places a duty on local authorities to submit an annual report on the operation of the Community Payback Order (CPO) to Scottish Ministers. The report is required to be a combination of statistical information detailing the number of Community Payback Orders imposed by the courts in South Lanarkshire 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. The Community Payback Order Report reflects the broad range of activities and projects undertaken across South Lanarkshire over the last financial year within communities and from our workshop. Recipients of the work undertaken by service users on CPO have also contributed to the report, reflecting the positive impact the projects have had on people's lives and communities.
- 3.4. The introduction of 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 Scotland.
- 3.5. The CPO report for South Lanarkshire Council was submitted to the Community Justice Scotland by the required deadline of 31 October 2017.
- 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 South Lanarkshire Council website.

#### **4. Local Context**

- 4.1. Justice Services is part of the Community Justice Partnership (CJP) and reports on key performance indicators on a quarterly and annual basis to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and the Scottish Government.
- 4.2. In the South Lanarkshire Council area, the Unpaid Work Service (UWS) provides a dedicated service to deliver the conditions of CPOs with requirements for Unpaid Work.
- 4.3. Service delivery has three areas of focus:
  - ◆ providing service-users with Unpaid Work to meet the requirements of their Order within the relevant timescales and supervising the Unpaid Work
  - ◆ taking, arranging and organising referrals for Unpaid Work from the community, including individuals, community groups and agency projects
  - ◆ providing opportunities for 'meaningful activity' (30% of an individual's CPO Unpaid Work requirement can be fulfilled by meaningful activity other than Unpaid Work, for example learning skills to help secure employment such as CV writing)
- 4.4. All localities in South Lanarkshire receive service delivery from the UWS central base at Auchentibber Resource Centre, Blantyre. Additionally, there is a sub-location and workshop in Lanark.
- 4.5. Services are provided to male and female adults (over the age of 16) who are residents of South Lanarkshire (though there is a reciprocal arrangement in place with other councils if required). Some of the service users are in employment and, therefore, Unpaid Work requires to be flexibly delivered including options for service-users to carry out Unpaid Work in the evenings or weekends.
- 4.6. The UWS also requires to transport service-users to and from the locations required. For this purpose, the service leases six vehicles.
- 4.7. In terms of recommendations, the Committee is asked to note the completion of the requirement to submit an annual report to Community Justice (Scotland) as detailed in the appendix to the report.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications as a result of the Community Payback Order 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 implications associated with this report.
- 7.3. There are no other implications as a result of the publication of the Community Payback Order Report.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. There is no requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment.
- 8.2. Customer and community consultation is noted within the text of the annual report.

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### **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambition/Objectives**

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

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Social Work Resources Committee – 3 February 2016

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ none

### **Contact for Further Information**

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