



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	5 March 2010
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Officer Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Update Members on national and local developments relevant to the Authority

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the allocation of funding set out in paragraph 7.1 be approved subject to satisfactory evaluation of the various projects

3. Court Visits

3.1 At the previous Board meeting of 4 December 2009 it was agreed that arrangements should be made for Councillors to visit local Sheriff Courts early in the New Year. The visits are scheduled to take place as follows:

- ◆ Hamilton Sheriff Court – 17 March 2010
- ◆ Airdrie Sheriff Court – 31 March 2010

4. Community Service National Awards Event

4.1 As part of the wider national strategy of raising the public profile of community service the Government announced the launch of a national award to showcase the best community service projects taking place across Scotland. The lunchtime event will take place on the 24 May 2010 in Glasgow. The intention is to involve an invited audience of up to 250 people.

4.2 Nominations will be invited for the following award categories: environmental; skill building; partnership; community and overall best community service project. Further information regarding the event can be obtained from the following website address www.scotland.gov.uk/csawards

5. Community Planning Partnership/Single Outcome Agreements

5.1 At the Board meeting 4 December 2009 there was a wide ranging discussion about the Government led Offender Management Programme (now renamed as the Reducing Re-offending Programme). It was agreed that there should be a presentation provided to a future meeting of the Authority on the links between the

Single Outcome Agreements of both Councils and the various initiatives being implemented to manage offenders and to tackle re-offending.

5.2 CJA staff continues to be actively involved with both Councils Community Planning Partnerships and with the national Reducing Re-offending Programme. This work will be reflected in the three year area plan.

5.3 It was also recognised that actions are already being implemented by Strathclyde Police to meet the requirements of the new arrangements for managing offenders. A presentation regarding this will take place today.

6. Quarterly Performance Report

6.1 Members are asked to note our quarterly performance against the 2009/2010 Action Plan which is detailed in an appendix to the report.

7. Additional Monies 2010/2011

7.1 On 6 March 2009 the CJA approved a number of initiatives to be funded by "Additional Development Monies" of £190k. It was also noted this funding will continue in 2010/2011. It is proposed that the use of the majority of the £190k is used to fund/continue to fund the following initiatives for a period of three months or for the full year subject to a successful evaluation:

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council and Strathclyde Police, Q Division - £40K. This funding will be spent by to reduce offending by challenging perpetrators of domestic violence.
- ◆ North Lanarkshire Council and Partners - £40k. This funding will be spent to reduce instances of domestic violence by developing the most effective aspects of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC).
- ◆ Citizen Advice Bureaux (CAB) - £40k. In partnership with other agencies CAB will provide prisoners and their families with advice and representation in relation to benefits, debt/money advice, housing, consumer and employment.
- ◆ West Lothian, North and South Lanarkshire Councils - £32K. This project will involve a unique tripartite protocol resulting in a housing worker being based in HMP Addiewell to provide housing advice and information to "local prisoners" held in this community facing prison.
- ◆ North Lanarkshire Chief Executive Service - £15k. This funding is intended to organise a short pilot project to enhance the employability prospects of RooP and APEX service users. Twelve offenders will be targeted for programmes such as 360 degree JCB or Back Loader, Heavy Dump Truck, HGV etc
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Financial Education Finance Team - £9k. Develop financial competence of prisoners due for release from Addiewell Prison.

7.2 Members are asked to authorise the Chief Officer to approve expenditure in relation to the remaining amount of £24k.

7.3 Officers are currently in the process of evaluating the initiatives that were funded by the Additional Development Monies in 2009/2010 and the report regarding this will be submitted to the CJA at the meeting on 4 June 2010.

8. Conference Reports

8.1 No conferences attended this quarter.

9. Employee Implications

9.1 None known

10. Financial Implications

10.1 None known

11. Other Implications

11.1. None known

12 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

12.1 No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report.

12.2 The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend an amendment to an existing policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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List of Background Papers

Community Service National Awards Event Letter
Quarterly Performance Update

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