

# LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Rooms 1 and 2, North Lanarkshire Council, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell on 2 December 2011

## **Chair:**

Councillor B McCaig, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Councillors Present:**

### **North Lanarkshire Council**

B Chadha (Depute), T Lunny, H McGuigan

### **South Lanarkshire Council**

J Anderson

## **Councillor's Apology:**

### **South Lanarkshire Council**

G Scott

## **Attending:**

### **Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal's Service**

D Dickson, Co-ordinator to Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Board

### **Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority (LCJA)**

T McNulty, Chief Officer; J Plunkett, Administration Assistant; R Reid, Planning and Development Adviser

### **Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)**

G Pattison, Co-ordinator

### **North Lanarkshire Council**

L Cringles, Justice Services Manager

### **Scottish Government**

J Griffin, Acting Depute Director, Community Justice

### **Scottish Prison Service**

J Dustan, Community Justice Authority Liaison Manager

### **South Lanarkshire Council**

G Bow, Administration Manager (Finance and Corporate Resources); R Swift, Head of Children and Justice Services (Social Work Resources)

### **Strathclyde Police**

G Cairns, Divisional Commander 'N' Division; J McLeod, Superintendent 'Q' Division

### **Victim Support Scotland**

H Dickson, Business Delivery Manager

## **Apologies:**

K Gowrie, South Lanarkshire Council

C Sloey, Director of North Lanarkshire Community Health Partnership

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## **1 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority held on 2 September 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Authority decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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### 3 Chief Officer Update

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the following national and local issues of relevance to the LCJA including:-

- ◆ a summary of a document published on 6 September 2011 by Audit Scotland entitled "An Overview of Scotland's Criminal Justice System"
- ◆ the implications for the LCJA arising from the Scottish Spending Review which had included information on the level of funding in 2012/2013 for:-
  - ◆ Community Justice Services
  - ◆ Criminal Justice Social Work
  - ◆ the Reducing Re-offending Change Fund
- ◆ the arrangements and outcomes from the second Reducing Re-offending Workshop held on 11 November 2011
- ◆ the proposed meeting dates for the LCJA in 2012 which were as follows:-
  - ◆ Friday 2 March 2012 at 10.00am in South Lanarkshire
  - ◆ Friday 1 June 2012 at 10.00am in North Lanarkshire
  - ◆ Friday 7 September 2012 at 10.00am in South Lanarkshire
  - ◆ Friday 7 December 2012 at 10.00am in North Lanarkshire

**The Authority decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the provisional dates for LCJA meetings in 2012 be approved.

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### 4 Planning and Development Adviser Update

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the Planning and Development Adviser was submitted on the:-

- ◆ Annual Report 2010/2011
- ◆ content of the September E-Update provided by the LCJA

The Annual Report 2010/2011 had been submitted to the Scottish Government by the due date of 30 September 2011 and approval had been given for the report, which was attached as an appendix, to be published on 31 October 2011.

The Planning and Development Adviser highlighted the level of assistance that had been given by partners in providing updates for the Annual Report reflecting the range of work undertaken in Lanarkshire. It was also highlighted that re-offending rates in the Lanarkshire area had dropped from 43% to 41% which was the second lowest rate in Scotland and met the national target set for the CJAs.

The September E-Update had been circulated to a wide range of agencies and was also included as an appendix to the report. The Planning and Development Adviser was keen to ensure that local media had access to this information and had met with the Community Editor of Scottish Television (STV). STV had subsequently been included on the distribution list for regular e-updates as had partners from both North and South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnerships.

**The Authority decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2011 (Paragraph 4)]*

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## 5 Cashback/Payback Funding

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the Planning and Development Adviser was submitted on the progress of funding bids developed by North and South Lanarkshire Councils to utilise funding made available by the Scottish Government under the Payback Sports Facilities Fund and the Project Initiative Fund.

At the LCJA meeting on 2 September 2011, a report had been submitted confirming that the Cabinet Secretary for Justice could potentially allocate £0.5 million from Cashback/Payback monies to support unpaid work subject to successful funding bids.

Since that meeting, a Funding Panel, chaired by the Convenor and comprising the Vice Convenor and officers from North and South Lanarkshire Councils and CJA staff, had met on 4 occasions to consider bids. So far, all bids had been approved by the Scottish Government.

The Project Initiative Fund had been fully utilised and work had commenced to develop further bids to ensure a similar outcome on the Payback Sports Facilities Fund.

**The Authority decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2011 (Paragraph 5)]*

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## 6 Finance Update

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the Financial Adviser to the Authority was submitted on:-

- ◆ the quarterly performance of the Section 27 budget at Quarter 2 (30 September 2011)
- ◆ Quarter 2 spend against the administrative budget

**The Authority decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2011 (Paragraph 8)]*

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## 7 Significant Case Review

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the recommendations from MAPPA on a Significant Case Review relating to convicted murderer Thomas Bennie Smith.

The majority of the 34 recommendations arising from the Case Review related to the role of the Police. However, a number related to other parties including the Scottish Government, Social Work Resources, Housing and Technical Resources, Education Resources and Health.

The Chair of the MAPPA Lanarkshire Strategic Oversight Group had instigated a review of the recommendations to assess what lessons could be learned and actions required, if any, regarding the operation of MAPPA in Lanarkshire. Following completion of the review, a report would be forwarded to this Authority for information.

**The Authority decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that a report on the outcomes from the review and any implications for the Authority be brought to a future meeting of the Authority; and

- (3) that the Authority be provided with specific updates in relation to any actions that resulted from the Strategic Oversight Review Report.

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## **8 Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) - Annual Report 2010/2011**

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A report dated 23 November 2011 by the MAPPA Co-ordinator was submitted providing a summary of the Annual Report of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) for 2010/2011 within the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority area.

The MAPPA Co-ordinator gave a presentation on the Annual Report 2010/2011 and highlighted the key challenges that would be faced by MAPPA in the year ahead including:-

- ◆ Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Remedial) (Scotland) Order 2010
- ◆ Keeping Children Safe – Community Disclosure
- ◆ Risk Register
- ◆ resources and resilience
- ◆ demographic changes
- ◆ implementation of best practice
- ◆ continuous learning and review

**The Authority decided:** that the MAPPA Annual Report for 2010/2011 and associated presentation by the MAPPA Co-ordinator be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 4 March 2011 (Paragraph 7)]*

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## **9 Reducing Re-offending**

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J Griffin, Acting Depute Director, Community Justice from the Scottish Government gave a presentation on some of the initiatives that the Scottish Government had been developing to tackle levels of re-offending. The need for effective partnership working was emphasised and details were provided on the short, medium and long-term actions which the Scottish Government hoped to progress and implement.

Mr Griffin, having responded to questions from Authority members and partners, was thanked for his very informative presentation.

**The Authority decided:** that the presentation be noted.

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## **10 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.