



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	2 September 2011
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Chief 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 CJA

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the report be noted

3. Christie Commission

3.1. The Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services (Christie Commission) published its report in June 2011. The major themes contained in the report were:

- Individuals and communities must be involved in the design and delivery of services they use;
- Services must be integrated through partnership working to improve outcomes;
- Expenditure should be targeted at early intervention and preventive measures;
- We must reduce duplication and become more efficient.

3.2. Of particular note for CJAs and our Partners is a quote contained in the report from the National Community Planning Group – “The current system creates a bias towards institutional spend in hospitals rather than health improvement, in care homes rather than home care, in prisons rather than reoffending.”

3.3. Although the review makes no specific recommendations in relation to the operation of Scotland’s justice system the principles contained in the report are likely to influence the future agenda of public services in Scotland including justice services.

4. Sectarian Bill

4.1. The “Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill” was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on the 16 June 2011. The objective of the Bill is to tackle sectarianism by providing for two new criminal offences:

- Preventing offensive and threatening behaviour related to football matches and
 - Communication of threatening material particularly where it incites religious hatred.
- 4.2. Nationally Community Justice Authorities have welcomed the objective of the Bill but have expressed concern that there will be no resources to enable Local Authorities in particular to prepare assessments on those convicted by Courts, to supervise those sentenced to community disposals and to supervise those subject to statutory supervision on release from prison.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. None
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. The cost to Criminal Justice Social Work of implementing this new legislation.
- 7. Other Implications**
- 7.1. None
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1. No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report.
- 8.2. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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List of Background Papers

Letter from Baillie Helen Wright to Scottish Government

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