

LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, North Lanarkshire Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell on 4 December 2009

Chair:

Councillor B McCaig, South Lanarkshire Council

Councillors Present:

North Lanarkshire Council

B Chadha, H McGuigan, T Lunny

South Lanarkshire Council

J Anderson, G Scott

Attending:

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal's Service

A Ferguson, Procurator Fiscal

Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority (LCJA)

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

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)

G Pattison, Co-ordinator

North Lanarkshire Council

M Fegan, Head of Social Work Services; L Cringles, Justice Services Manager

Phoenix Futures

M Haddow, Service Manager

SACRO

J Johnston, Service Manager

Scottish Prison Service

J Dustan, Community Justice Authority Liaison Manager

South Lanarkshire Council

H Stevenson, Executive Director (Social Work Resources); G Bow, Administration Adviser (Corporate Resources)

Strathclyde Police

G Cairns, Divisional Commander

Apologies:

A Adamson, State Hospital, Carstairs

M Brackenridge, South Lanarkshire Council

K Gowrie, Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority

C Sloey, NHS Lanarkshire

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority held on 4 September 2009 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Offender Management Programme

A report dated 20 November 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the Offender Management Programme which had been established following recommendations contained in the Scottish Prison Commission's report published last year. The report recommended reducing the prison population through increased use of community sentences.

The main elements contained in the Offender Management Programme, including the overarching vision, goals, objectives and deliverables, were detailed in an appendix to the report.

The Authority decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that presentations be provided to future meetings of the Authority on:-
 - ◆ links between the Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) of both Councils and the various initiatives being implemented to manage offenders and to tackle reoffending
 - ◆ actions already being implemented by Strathclyde Police to meet the requirements of the new arrangements for managing offenders

4 2010 Meeting Dates

A report dated 20 November 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2010.

The proposed dates for meetings of the Authority for 2010 were:-

- ◆ 5 March 2010, 10.00am – South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ 4 June 2010, 10.00am – North Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ 3 September 2010, 10.00am – South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ 3 December 2010, 10.00am – North Lanarkshire Council

The Authority decided: that the proposed dates for meetings of the Authority for 2010 be approved.

5 Chief Officer's Update

A report dated 20 November 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the following national and local issues of relevance to the LCJA:-

- ◆ Youth Courts Review
- ◆ Home Detention Curfews
- ◆ Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC)
- ◆ Court visits
- ◆ Quarterly performance reports
- ◆ Conference reports

The Authority decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that every effort be made to maintain pressure on the Scottish Government to conclude their review of Youth Courts as soon as possible.

6 Finance Update

A report dated 20 November 2009 by the Financial Manager was submitted on:-

- ◆ the position of the administration budget for the period 1 July to 30 September 2009
- ◆ the quarterly performance of the Section 27 budget

The Authority decided: that the report be noted.

7 MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) Annual Report 2008/2009 - Presentation

A report dated 20 November 2009 by the MAPPA Co-ordinator was submitted providing a summary of the annual report of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) for 2008/2009 within the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority area.

The Scottish Government had published the annual report for the Lanarkshire area in October 2009. In general terms MAPPA activity, supported by partner agencies in the Lanarkshire CJA area, continued to improve the standards of service and public protection arrangements.

The MAPPA Co-ordinator gave a presentation to reinforce some of the key issues and features contained in the annual report.

The Authority decided: that the MAPPA annual report for 2008/2009 and presentation be noted.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.