

## LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Note of meeting held in Committee Room 2, South Lanarkshire Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 4 September 2009

**Convener:**

Councillor B Chadha, North Lanarkshire Council

**Councillors Present:**

**North Lanarkshire Council**

T Lunny, H McGuigan

**South Lanarkshire Council**

J Anderson, G Scott

**Councillor's Apology:**

**South Lanarkshire Council**

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**Attending:**

**Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority (LCJA)**

T McNulty, Chief Officer; J Plunkett, Clerical Assistant, K Gowrie, Finance Manager

**North Lanarkshire Council**

M Fegan, Head of Social Work Services

**South Lanarkshire Council**

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

**Strathclyde Police**

D Bruce, Inspector

**State Hospital**

A Adamson, Chief Executive

**Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service**

S Craig, Senior Depute

**NHS Lanarkshire**

S Kerr, Head of Planning and Performance

**Apologies:**

M Brackenridge, South Lanarkshire Council

L Cringles, North Lanarkshire Council

J Dustan, Scottish Prison Service

M Haddow, Phoenix Futures

J Johnston, SACRO

A Ferguson, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services

C Sloey, NHS Lanarkshire

### 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

### 2 Minute of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority held on 12 June 2009 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

### **3 Community Service Order – Additional Funding**

A report dated 21 August 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the extra resources that had been allowed to support community service projects and how those resources would be allocated locally.

On 23 June 2009 the Justice Secretary for Scotland had announced an additional £5.5 million to ensure community penalties were served immediately and delivered with greater speed.

The £5.5 million was made up of £1.5 million for the remainder of this financial year and an additional £4 million in 2010/2011. Lanarkshire CJA's proportion of the national £1.5 million amounted to £212,532 for 2009/2010. Action had been taken to allocate this funding between the 2 constituent Local Authorities based on the national funding formula.

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

### **4 Action Plan 2010/2011**

A report dated 21 August 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the development of the Action Plan for 2010/2011.

The Authority was required to submit an annual Action Plan detailing key areas to be developed in the coming year. Guidance received on the format to be used when developing the Plan had been taken into account before the Plan had been drafted.

**The Authority decided:** that the draft Action Plan 2010/2011 be approved for issue to partners for consultation prior to being submitted to the Scottish Government by the due date of 2 October 2009.

### **5 Sex Offender Public Information Leaflet**

A report dated 21 August 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted providing an update on the public information strategy in relation to the management of sex offenders. On 5 August 2009 the Justice Secretary had written to the Association of Chief Officers (ACPOS), the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) enclosing a "leaflet" containing information on:-

- ◆ managing risk and the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
- ◆ housing of sex offenders in Scotland

**The Authority decided:** that every effort be made to publicise the availability of the guidance locally in Lanarkshire.

### **6 Chief Officer's Update**

A report dated 21 August 2009 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the following national and local issues of relevance to the LCJA:-

- ◆ progress of the Youth Court Pilot Review
- ◆ HMP Addiewell
- ◆ Cabinet Secretary's Visit to NLC
- ◆ Quarterly Performance Report against targets set in the 2009/2010 Action Plan
- ◆ the development of the Area Plan 2011/2014

- ◆ outcome of the recruitment process for the post of Planning and Development Adviser
- ◆ conference reports

**The Authority decided:** that a letter to be sent to the Scottish Government emphasising the need to conclude the Youth Court Pilot Review as quickly as possible.

## **7 Financial Update**

A report dated 21 August 2009 by the Financial Manager was submitted on:-

- ◆ the position of the administration budget for the period of 1 April to 30 June 2009
- ◆ the quarterly performance on the Section 27 budget

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

## **8 Urgent Business**

Councillor McGuigan emphasised the importance of raising the profile of the work being undertaken by the Authority with Community Planning Partners to ensure that the Single Outcome Agreements of both Councils reflected the importance of reducing re-offending as part of the overall package of measures to improve the confidence of local communities.