

LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 3 September 2010

Chair:

Councillor B McCaig, South Lanarkshire Council (Convener)

Councillors Present:

North Lanarkshire Council

B Chadha, T Lunny

South Lanarkshire Council

J Anderson, G Scott

Councillor's Apology:

North Lanarkshire Council

H McGuigan

Attending:

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal's Service

A Ferguson, Procurator Fiscal

Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority (LCJA)

T McNulty, Chief Officer; H Marshall, Clerical Assistant; R Reid, Planning and Development Officer

North Lanarkshire Council

L Cringles, Justice Services Manager; M Fegan, Head of Social Work Services; M Hughes, Coordinator (Restorative Justice)

Pheonix Futures

G Waddell, Coordinator

Scottish Government

I Magill, Outcomes Unit

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); B Doyle, Head of Children and Justice Services (Social Work Resources); K Gowrie, Financial Adviser to the LCJA (Social Work Resources); A Singh, Justice Services Manager (Social Work Resources)

Strathclyde Police

G Cairns, Divisional Commander

Victim Support

H Provan, Area Co-ordinator

Apologies:

A Adamson, State Hospital, Carstairs

C Sloey, Director of North Lanarkshire Community Health Partnership

L Ross-Hale, SACRO

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 June 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Justice Outcomes Group

A report dated 18 August 2010 by the Chief Officer was submitted advising members on the development of the Scottish Government's Justice Outcomes Group.

Irene Magill from the Scottish Government gave a presentation on the strategic objectives of the Group including:-

- ◆ the Government's purpose
- ◆ high level targets relating to the purpose
- ◆ associated national outcomes
- ◆ national indicators and targets

The Authority decided: that the report and presentation be noted.

4 Scottish Prison Service Prisoner Healthcare Transfer to NHS

The Authority was advised that the Project Manager with responsibility for co-coordinating the Scottish Prison Service Prisoner Healthcare Transfer to the NHS was unable to attend this meeting of the Authority and provide members with a presentation on transfer arrangements.

The invite to attend would remain open to the Project Manager and it was hoped that the presentation could be made at a later date.

The Authority decided: that the position be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 June 2010 (Paragraph 6)]

5 Chief Officer Update

A report dated 30 August 2010 by the Chief Officer was submitted on the following national and local issues of relevance to the LCJA:-

- ◆ dealing with High Risk Offenders including updated information on a review carried out by Scottish Ministers of joint and integrated working practices in place involving the Police, Social Work Services and other relevant agencies including co-located units in order to disseminate good practice
- ◆ an update on Women Offenders including an amendment to the allocation made to the "Meet at the Gate" project which totalled £37,000 and not £35,000 as indicated in a previous report provided to the Authority on 4 June 2010
- ◆ annual statistics provided by SERCO on the number of electronic monitoring services provided on behalf of the Scottish Government including confirmation that Hamilton Sheriff Court had imposed more "Restriction of Liberty Orders" than any other court in Scotland and that a total of 223 Orders had been imposed by the 3 Sheriff Courts located in the Lanarkshire area
- ◆ details of the Scottish Association for the Study of Offending's (SASO) 41st Annual Conference to be held in Dunblane on 19 and 20 November 2010

The Authority decided:

- (1) that the Convener, Depute Convener and Chief Officer, or their nominees, be authorised to attend the 41st SASO Conference in Dunblane on 19 and 20 November 2010; and
- (2) that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 June 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Planning and Development Adviser Update

A report dated 30 August 2010 by the Planning and Development Adviser was submitted updating the Authority on the:-

- ◆ progress of the draft Area Plan 2011/2014
- ◆ quarterly performance report for the period covering Quarter 1 (1 April to 10 July 2010)
- ◆ draft Annual Report for 2009/2010

In terms of the Area Plan 2011/2014, the Chief Officer had attended the National Scrutiny Panel on 13 July 2010 and feedback from that process was awaited.

The Quarterly Performance Report was attached as Appendix 1 to the report and included confirmation that within Lanarkshire the national target of 85% attendance at Integrated Case Management Case Conferences continued to be exceeded.

The draft Annual Report 2009/2010 was attached as Appendix 2 to the report and details of how the report had been structured were provided. The Annual Report would be finalised for submission to the Scottish Government and it was proposed that the Chief Officer be authorised to submit the finalised document to the Scottish Government when it was requested.

The Authority decided: that the Chief Officer be authorised to submit the finalised Annual Report 2009/2010 to the Scottish Government when it was requested.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 June 2010 (Paragraph 2)]

7 Finance Update

A report dated 30 August 2010 by the Financial Adviser to the Authority was submitted on:-

- ◆ the quarterly performance of the Section 27 budget at Quarter 1 (10 July 2010)
- ◆ Quarter 1 spend against the administrative budget

The Authority decided: that the report be noted.

8 Community Service

The Justice Services Managers from North and South Lanarkshire Councils gave presentations on various key projects and developments in relation to Community Service.

The presentation from North Lanarkshire Council included a DVD giving an overview of specific projects which had been successful at the Scottish Community Service Awards.

The presentation from South Lanarkshire Council included an update on the opening of a dedicated Community Service facility at Auchentibber, Blantyre.

The Authority decided: that both presentations be noted.

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.