



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2009
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Offender Management Programme
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Inform Members about the Offender Management Programme

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the report be noted

3. Background

3.1. The Offender Management Programme has been established following recommendations contained in the Scottish Prison commission report that was published last year. Members will recall that this report recommended reducing the prison population through increased use of community sentences. Over recent months the Offender Management Programme has been finalised detailing the overall vision, goals, objectives and deliverables.

3.2. The provisions of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill will have a major effect on the implementation of the Offender Management Programme through the introduction of Community Payback Orders (CPO). This means that the CPO will need to be a personalised programme of rehabilitation taking account of factors such as health, housing and employment.

3.3. It is essential that the Community Justice Authority and our community planning partners work closely to agree priorities for the services provided by all partners and to identify opportunities to stop the spiral of reoffending. A systematic focus across agencies and sectors is the only way to proceed if the Government's policy on community penalties is to succeed. Offending has an enormous cost to individuals, families and communities therefore a more strategic and coordinated approach, involving all agencies should be viewed as an investment.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None in immediate term but in the longer term as the programme develops more staff may be required

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. None in immediate term but in the longer term as the programme develops more resources may be required

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. None known

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report.
- 8.2. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend an amendment to an existing policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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List of Background Papers

Programme Vision and Goals
Programme Structure
Organisational Chart

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