

GLASGOW COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY.

Glasgow, 28th August 2006.

- Present: John McKenzie (Chair), Stephen Curran, John Gray, Margaret McCafferty and Mary Paris.
- Apologies: Elaine McDougall and Gordon Matheson (Glasgow City Council), Rab Murray and Raymund McQuillan (Social Work Services), Adrian Davies (Turning Point Scotland), John White (SACRO) and Assistant Chief Constable Kevin Smith (Strathclyde Police).
- Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); Anne Marie O'Donnell (Social Work Services), Anne Connolly (CJA Chief Officer), Catriona Renfrew (GG&C NHS Board), Aileen MacDonald (Apex Scotland), Jim Andrews (Victim Support Scotland), George McNeilly (Crossreach), Super Intendent Fiona McPherson (Strathclyde Police) and Rona Sweeney (Scottish Prison Service).

Chief Officer appointment approved.

1 There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Chief Officer Appointment Group regarding the appointment of the Chief Officer to Glasgow Community Justice Authority (GCJA)

- (1) detailing that the Chief Officer Appointment Group had met on 28th June 2006 to consider applications for the position of Chief Officer to GCJA; and
- (2) advising of the Appointment Group's decision to appoint Anne Connolly, Senior Corporate Policy Manager to the post on a secondment basis, for a period of 2 years.

After consideration, the authority

- (a) approved the appointment of Anne Connolly to the position of Chief Officer to GCJA; and
- (b) welcomed Anne Connolly to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 25th April 2006 were submitted and approved.

Matters arising dealt with.

3 The authority, having discussed designated partner bodies for the Glasgow Community Justice Authority (GCJA)

- (1) noted that the CJA should consider how housing providers and jobcentre plus could be invited to contribute to the GCJA; and

- (2) agreed that Anne Connolly would consider how these and other partners could be represented or contribute and provide a report to a future meeting for approval.

Code of ethical standards approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer relating to ethical standards advising that

- (1) each Community Justice Authority (CJA) was required to adopt a code of ethical standards;
- (2) the Scottish Executive had provided a template that may be used as a members' code of conduct; and
- (3) the template provided, mirrored very closely the Councillors' Code of Conduct currently used by Glasgow City Council.

After consideration, the authority

- (a) agreed to adopt the Councillors' Code of Conduct for Glasgow CJA; and
- (b) noted that they would be submitted to the Scottish Executive along with a copy of the Council's Standing Orders.

National Strategy for the Management of Offenders noted.

5 There was submitted and noted the National Strategy for the Management of Offenders

- (1) advising that the document had been approved by the National Advisory Board and the Minister for Justice; and
- (2) informing members of tasks which had to be delivered by 2008.

Development of Area Plan – Short- life Members' Sub-Group approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer regarding the production of an area plan which would cover the first year of the Glasgow Community Justice Authority's (GCJA's) operation

- (1) advising that the plan had to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 29th September 2006;
- (2) detailing the progress to date; and
- (3) intimating that due to the short period of time available in which to agree the plan, the establishment of a short-life Members' Sub-Group to develop the plan would be very beneficial.

After consideration, the authority

- (a) agreed
 - (i) to the establishment of a short-life Members' Sub-Group to develop and agree the plan which would meet on Wednesday 20th September 2006 at 10.30am; and
 - (ii) that the group be made up of the following members:-
 - (A) Councillor John McKenzie;
 - (B) Councillor Elaine McDougall;
 - (C) Bailie John Gray;
 - (D) Catriona Renfrew (GG&C NHS);
 - (E) Heather Keir (Scottish Prison Service);
 - (F) Superintendent Fiona McPherson (Strathclyde Police); and
 - (G) Anne Connolly (Chief Officer); and
- (b) noted
 - (A) the progress to date and how the final plan would be developed with partner involvement; and
 - (B) that the plan submitted to the Scottish Executive would be available at the next meeting.

Making it Happen Conference – Representation approved.

- 7** There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer regarding the national conference for Community Justice Authorities (CJAs)
- (1) advising that
 - (a) the Making it Happen Conference would take place at Crieff Hydro from 26th to 27th October 2006;
 - (b) 19 invitations had been sent out which included all partner agencies;
 - (c) 14 members, which included 5 elected members from Glasgow CJA had indicated their wish to attend to date; and
 - (2) detailing that the conference fee would be met from the CJA budget.

After consideration, the authority agreed with the decision to invite all members and partner agencies to the conference, of which to date 14 members had indicated their intention to attend.

Scottish Prison Service Partnership Conference – Representation approved.

- 8 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer regarding an invitation to attend the Scottish Prison Service Partnership Conference in Clydebank from 14th to 15th September 2006.

After consideration, the authority approved Councillor John McKenzie's attendance at the Scottish Prison Service Partnership Conference.

Scottish Prison Service – Presentation noted.

- 9 The authority heard and noted a presentation by Rona Sweeney, Scottish Prison Service on the workings of the Scottish Prison Service and how it would link with all Community Justice Authorities in Scotland.

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- 10 After discussion, the authority agreed
- (1) to arrange visits for members to attend prisons within the Glasgow Community Justice Authority area in the near future; and
 - (2) the following dates for future meetings:-
Monday 6th November 2006 at 1030hours
Monday 15th January 2007 at 1030hours
Monday 5th March 2007 at 1030hours.