

GLASGOW COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Glasgow, 25th April 2006.

Present: John McKenzie (Chair), Stephen Curran, John Gray, Margaret McCafferty, Elaine McDougall and Mary Paris.

Apology: Gordon Matheson.

Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); A O'Donnell and R McQuillan (for the Director of Social Work Services); and K Norrie and R Sweeney, Scottish Prison Service.

Appointment of Convener and Deputy Convener agreed.

- 1 The Authority agreed to appoint
 - (1) John McKenzie as Convener; and
 - (2) Elaine McDougall as Deputy Convener.

Thereafter the chair was assumed by John McKenzie.

Section 3 of Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005 noted.

2 There was submitted and noted an extract from the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005 and in particular section 3 relating to Community Justice Authorities.

Guidance on Community Justice Authorities noted.

- 3 There were submitted and noted
 - (1) a report by the Scottish Executive outlining the membership, role and remit of Community Justice Authorities; and
 - (2) Scottish Executive Justice Department Guidance Note One on Community Justice Authorities providing detailed guidance on the commencement of Community Justice Authorities.

Draft Standing Orders.

4 There was submitted draft Standing Orders for Community Justice Authorities.

After consideration, the Authority agreed to adopt Glasgow City Council's Council and Committee Standing Orders.

Draft National Strategy for the Management of Offenders noted.

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

- (1) informing members of the vision and aim of the strategy, with the target of a 2% reduction in reconviction rates in all types of sentence by March 2008;
- (2) detailing the outcomes for communities, the outcomes for offenders and outcomes in the system;
- (3) intimating that strategy proposed that services should be developed under the following 5 inter-linking themes:-
 - (a) setting priorities;
 - (b) working together in new ways;
 - (c) developing and supporting the workforce;
 - (d) communication; and
 - (e) measuring, learning and acting; and
- (4) advising that for each of these key themes the strategy identified tasks for
 - (a) the new National Advisory Body;
 - (b) the Scottish Executive
 - (c) the new Community Justice Authorities;
 - (d) local authorities;
 - (e) the Scottish Prison Service; and
 - (f) other partner bodies.

Preparation of Strategic Area Plan 2007/08 - Guidance noted.

- 6** There was submitted and noted guidance from the Scottish Executive Justice Department on the preparation of Community Justice Authority area plans for 2007/08
- (1) outlining the background, timing, objectives and consultation arrangements for the production of area plans by Community Justice Authorities, which required to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 30th September 2006;
 - (2) detailing the key milestones in the process; and
 - (3) providing framework guidance and a template for area plans.

Partner bodies noted.

- 7** There was submitted a list of voluntary organisations currently receiving funding from Glasgow City Council for work with offenders and/or their families.

After consideration, the Authority

- (1) noted
 - (a) that the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 (Designation of Partner Bodies) Order 2006 had resulted in the following being designated as partner bodies:-
 - (i) the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police;
 - (ii) Greater Glasgow NHS Board;
 - (iii) any individual or organisation that was in receipt of funding, in excess of such amount as may be specified by Scottish Ministers, from a local authority for an area comprised within the area of the community justice authority, for the provision of services or support to relevant persons or their families;
 - (iv) Scottish Courts Service;
 - (v) the Procurator Fiscal for Glasgow; and
 - (v) Victim Support Scotland; and
 - (b) that Scottish Ministers had specified £100,000 as the relevant amount in terms of (iii) above resulting in the following organisations being designated as partner bodies:-
 - (i) Apex;
 - (ii) Turning Point Scotland;
 - (iii) SACRO; and
 - (iv) Dick Stewart (Crossreach); and
- (2) agreed that
 - (a) invitations to attend the next meeting of the Authority be sent to each partner body; and
 - (b) the other community justice authorities in Scotland be asked to provide a list of partner bodies for their areas.

Chief Officer and Interim Support Officer – Recruitment arrangements noted.

- 8 There were submitted reports by the Scottish Executive providing information on
 - (1) the role and timetable for the recruitment of Chief Officers for community justice authorities, together with the job description and person specification that had been drawn up to allow advertising of the posts in advance of the commencement of community justice authorities; and

- (2) the role of the Interim Support Officer who would be identified by the local authority to support the work of the Authority until the Chief Officer took up post.

After consideration, the Authority

- (a) noted the position regarding the recruitment of the Chief Officer;
- (b) agreed that a committee comprising the Convener, the Deputy Convener, Bailie McCafferty and Councillor Paris, be formed to undertake the recruitment of the Chief Officer and recommend an appointment to the Authority; and
- (c) noted that the appointment of an Interim Support Officer would be made by the City Council shortly.

Date of next meeting agreed.

9 The Authority agreed that

- (1) the next meeting of the Authority take place on Thursday, 1st June 2006 at 1500 hours in the City Chambers, Glasgow; and
- (2) the next meeting be preceded by a detailed briefing session for members of the Authority commencing at 1400 hours.