

GLASGOW COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Glasgow, 6th November 2006.

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

Apology: Rab Murray (Social Work Services) and Catriona Renfrew (GG&C NHSB).

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); A Connolly (CJA Chief Officer); R McQuillan (Social Work Services); H Keir (Scottish Prison Service); J Tannahill (Procurator Fiscal's Office); J Andrews and K Caskie (Victim Support Scotland) and G McNeilly (Crossreach).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 28th August 2006 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Justice Authority Area Plan approved – Presentation noted – Instruction to Chief Officer and all Partners

2 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer regarding the Glasgow Community Justice Authority Area Plan 2007/08

- (1) advising that the principles, priorities and improvement actions outlined in the plan, had been approved in principle by a members' sub-group on 20th September 2006; and
- (2) detailing the draft area plan for 2007/08.

After consideration and having heard a presentation, the authority

- (a) approved the area plan for 2007/08;
- (b) instructed the Chief Officer to make the plan available to the public in an appropriate format by March 2007; and
- (c) instructed all partners to disseminate the plan priorities to their organisations.

Criminal Justice Social Work review of centralised services – Details noted.

3 There was submitted a report by Raymund McQuillan, Head of Criminal Justice, Social Work Services regarding the review of their centralised services

- (1) advising that in July 2006 the Head of Service for Criminal Justice had conducted a review of centralised criminal justice services; and
- (2) detailing in the appendix to the report, the complete review which had been approved by the Director of Social Work Services with implementation currently underway.

After consideration, the authority

- (i) noted the review of centralised criminal justice services; and
- (ii) agreed that a further progress report would be submitted to this committee in the near future.

Drug use in Scottish Prisons – Details noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Heather Keir, Scottish Prison Service (SPS) regarding the use of drugs in Scottish prisons,

- (1) advising that the SPS had introduced a variety of issues to address the problems of drug addiction in prisons, these including the introduction of enhanced alcohol support, group work and one-to-one support, motivational interviewing and harm reduction group work; and
- (2) detailing the measures that had been taken by the SPS to tackle the introduction of drugs into prisons.

After consideration, the authority

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that
 - (i) a fuller outline of the SPS approach to drugs in prison would be attached to any further published or circulated version of this CJA report; and
 - (ii) Heather Keir would make this additional information available.

MAPPA arrangements – Details noted – Instruction to Officers.

5 There was submitted a report by Raymund McQuillan, Head of Criminal Justice, Social Work Services regarding the implementation of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), advising that

- (1) the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 placed specific responsibilities on responsible authorities to co-operate and co-ordinate activities in respect of sex offenders and violent offenders;
- (2) the MAPPA framework would require responsible authorities to have in place a co-ordinated framework which would categorise the level of risk posed by individual offenders and oversee arrangements for the monitoring and supervision of such offenders; and
- (3) the Scottish Executive would be providing funding for MAPPA co-ordinators, with Glasgow receiving 1 co-ordinator post and 1 administrative support post.

After consideration, the authority

- (a) noted
 - (i) the statutory obligations placed upon local authorities and other responsible authorities by the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005; and
 - (ii) Glasgow had been allocated only one MAPPA co-ordinator post compared to other CJAs such as Tayside, Lothian and Borders, Forth and Fife and Northern which had been allocated two posts; and
- (b) instructed officers to establish the rationale or formula on which posts had been allocated and to query the allocation of posts to Glasgow CJA; and
- (c) Instructed Raymund McQuillan, Head of Criminal Justice, Social Work Services to submit a progress report on the implementation arrangements for MAPPA to a future meeting.

Elected Members' visits to Prison service establishments approved.

6 There was submitted a report by Heather Keir, Scottish Prison Service proposing visits for elected members to Prison Service establishments.

After consideration, the authority

- (1) agreed that Heather Keir would contact all members with a few dates to arrange visits to Barlinnie, Cornton Vale, Shotts etc as detailed in the report; and
- (2) noted that as all members were unlikely to be able attend all visits, the visit should proceed where there is a delegation of two or more members..

Families Outside – Conference noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer regarding an invitation to attend the Families Outside Annual Conference, at the Radisson Hotel, Glasgow on Tuesday 28th November 2006.

After consideration, the authority agreed that if any member wished to attend the conference they would contact Anne Connolly, Chief Officer.

Date of next meeting.

8 The authority agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 15th January 2007 at 1030 hours.