

Management Committee

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Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan

1.0 Purpose

The reform of Community Justice is part of the Scottish Government's Public Sector Reform programme and legislates that Community Planning Partnerships be responsible for Community Justice, and develop a Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for submission to Scottish Government by 1 April 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 CPP sets up a Community Justice Group to sit within the Health and Social Care Partnership, to be chaired by Chief Social Work Officer; Louise Long. This group will develop the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan, aligning this with the outcome based framework from Scottish Government and establishing appropriate monitoring arrangements.
- 2.2 CPP are requested to put forward reps for this Group, in particular representation is needed from Third Sector, Skills Development Scotland, Housing and Health (mental health).
- 2.3 Agree nominated persons attend three meetings in 2017: 31st January at 14.00, Tuesday 21st February at 14.00 and Tuesday 21st March at 10.00

3.0 Background

The CPP has previously considered Community Justice Reform at its meetings on the 31st October 2014, 27th March 2015, 18th December 2015, 9th June 2016 and held a Development Day for CPP partners on the 22nd August 2016.

4.0 Establishing a Community Justice Group

A partnership group with a focus on Community Justice is required to ensure that the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan is developed in accordance with the requirements set out by Scottish Government.

5.0 Conclusions

The draft Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan requires development by a multi- partnership group to create a Plan that will set out how Argyll and Bute will approach reducing reoffending. The creation of a Community Justice Group, chaired by Louise Long and sitting under Health and Social Care Partnership is required to develop the Plan and monitor its implementation. This Group requires CPP members input.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	This Plan specifically relates to Outcome 6 – Safer and Stronger Communities.
Consultations, Previous considerations	The CPP Management Committee has previously been made aware of its responsibility in developing the plan.
Resources	Representatives from appropriate organisations are requested to attend 3 meetings over a period of 3 months.
Prevention	The purpose of the plan is to prevent reoffending.
Equalities	The focus on reducing reoffending often correlates with poverty and as such work in this area may impact on reducing inequalities.

Louise Long, Head of Children and Families and Outcome Lead for Children and Young People Get the Best Start in Life (Outcome 4).

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References

Papers to CPP Management Committee:

- Community Justice Reform, 31st October 2014
- Community Justice – update with Scottish Government response to consultation, 27th March 2015
- Community Justice Redesign: Transition Plan, 18th December 2015
- Community Justice and self-evaluation, 9th June 2016

Appendices

None