

Management Committee

Date: 30 March 2017



Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2018

1.0 Purpose

Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2018 for publication on Community Planning webpages, and submission to Scottish Government on 31st March.

2.0 Recommendations

CPP Management Committee members are asked to:

- 2.1 Agree submission of the attached Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan
- 2.2 Provide a link to the Plan from their own website/ communications, using text provided in 4.0.
- 2.3 Note the Transition Plan remains open for consultation, and development of transition actions, until end July 2017.
- 2.4 Note the Transition Plan in its final form will come to CPP Management Committee in September 2017.

3.0 Background

Reducing reoffending is the main aim of the Scottish Government Community Justice Plan. It requires organisations in Argyll and Bute to work together locally to address issues faced by those involved in the criminal justice system, their families and communities. There is a framework to monitor progress on this and a requirement to report annually to the new Community Justice Scotland Board. There are links between this work and Outcome 6 – Safer and Stronger. The actions of Argyll and Bute's Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan will be reported to the CPP Management Committee through the Safer and Stronger Delivery Group, Outcome 6 lead, SuperIntendent Gail McClymont.

The Scottish Government requires the Transition Plan to be published by 31 March. The Plan will sit on the Community Planning webpage and partners are asked to provide links from their page to the community planning partnership page. The plan will be developed throughout 2017/18 with a comprehensive communication and engagement strategy.

4.0 Detail

At the December 2016 meeting of the Management Committee an ask was made for partners to be part of a short term working group to finalise the draft transition plan and shape the action plan to take forward community justice in Argyll and Bute. The short life working group, led by Louise Long, Chief Social Work Officer has met three times in 2017 and has developed the attached draft Transition Plan for publication. The plan is subject to change within a 6 month period where it is open to consultation with communities and partners.

At the September 2017 meeting of the CPP Management Committee the plan will be amended to ensure communities feel engaged in Community Justice.

Partners are asked to provide links to the Plan on their appropriate web places. Example text to accompany this is:

We are still seeking your views on our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-18. The plan sets out how we will make the transition from what was the Scottish Government's original way of managing reducing re-offending, to the new way of this which requires organisations working in Argyll and Bute including housing, social work, Skills Development Scotland and community groups to reduce reoffending by working together. In Argyll and Bute we are required to approach reducing reoffending under 'headings' that include reducing stigma within the community.

The organisations required to participate in Community Justice will be meeting regularly over the coming months. In September 2017 we will re-publish the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan taking on board the feedback received and developments made over the first 6 months.

Click 'here' to view Argyll and Bute's Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.

5.0 Conclusions

A Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan for Argyll and Bute will be published by 31 March in accordance with the requirement for Scottish Government. The Plan is open to feedback and engagement within the initial 6 months. The Management Committee is asked to sign off the plan at this stage and partners are requested to draw attention to the plan and encourage engagement with this.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Outcome 6: Safer and Stronger
Consultations, Previous considerations	CPP Management Committee has been updated on the changes within Community Justice in 2015/16 and 2016/17.
Resources	Scottish Government provides an interim resource to

	support the transition work.
Prevention	Preventing re-offending is a key aim of Community Justice.
Equalities	An equality impact statement is being produced.

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References

N.A

Appendices

Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2017 - 2018