

## Management Committee

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# Community Justice Annual Report 2021-2022

## 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the CPP Management Committee on the recently submitted Community Justice Annual Report.

## 2.0 Recommendations

The CPP Management Committee are asked to:

- Note the submitted Community Justice Annual Report 2021-2022
- To note that planning for the development of our next community justice outcome improvement plan is underway, activities are identified within the report
- To agree to publish this report online (in line with our statutory duty)

## 3.0 Background

3.1 The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 introduced a range of statutory duties to be implemented at a local level by responsible “named statutory partners”, as indicated in Figure 1, below:

Named statutory partners	Local Responsible Posts
Each Local Authority	Local Authority Chief Executive
Each Health Board	Chief Executive
Chief constable of Police Scotland	Police Scotland Chief Superintendent
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Area Commander
Skills Development Scotland	Skills Development Scotland Regional Manager
Integration Joint Board	HSCP Board and Chief Officer
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS)	SCTS National Manager
Scottish Ministers  (represented by Scottish Prison Service and Crown Office & Prosecution Service)	Scottish Prison Service Governor, member of WD CJP.  COPFS hold a regional forum to meet their CJ statutory duties.

**3.2** The local model for community justice should deliver an extensive change programme centred on increasing prevention of offending/reoffending through improved leadership and collaboration; evidencing and delivering improved outcomes; learning, development and innovation; and workforce development across multi-agency statutory partners

**3.3** Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership, chaired by the Chief Executive and attended by almost all of the statutory partners. Non-statutory partners in attendance include Community Justice Scotland and Third Sector Interface, the CJP monitors progress towards improvements and the strategic/operational barriers to delivering the associated outcomes

#### **4.0 Detail**

**4.1** This annual report mainly presents the ongoing activity and our direction of travel for the next few years

**4.2** Local partners have a duty within the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 to publish a front facing annual report

**4.3** The new national five year Community Justice Strategy was published at the end of June 2022. The accompanying Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework (OPIF) was circulated in draft form by Community Justice Scotland at the end of September 2022. The draft OPIF was submitted to Scottish Government for review and approval, the implementation date is expected to be 1 April 2023.

**4.4** The local Community Justice Partnership will now move forward with development of our local Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan by developing a 1 year delivery plan. The contents of which will be informed by this annual report in relation to ongoing improvement activity.

#### **5.0 Conclusions**

**5.1** Reflecting on the National Aims and Priority Actions within the new national Community Justice Strategy, Argyll & Bute community justice improvement activity is in line with expectations.

**5.2** Community justice strategic planning and delivery is significantly cross-cutting in terms of policy areas, therefore it is imperative that we continue to collaborate with wider partners and stakeholders to ensure effective change and avoid duplication

**5.2** As noted in the Chief Social Work Officers annual report 2021-2022, '*The current national Community Justice Strategy takes a general approach to populations however does not reflect the needs of delivering to remote, rural and island communities. Cognisance should be given to the Islands Act and the requirement for an Island Community Impact Assessment to ensure national policy and initiatives do not inadvertently adversely affect those communities*'

## 6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The diverse and cross-cutting nature of community justice requires significant multi-agency collaboration locally and nationally. Community Justice Scotland provides representation on the CJ Partnership to support the local considerations.
Consultations, Previous considerations	In producing the annual report, consultation took place with Community Justice Partnership members
Resources	Argyll & Bute are moving from a part-time Community Justice Coordinator post to full-time during 2022.
Prevention	Community justice legislation and statutory duties apply to those 16 years plus. Prevention at every point in the justice system and each time people are involved is a key priority. In addition, the CJ Partnership has activity underway to support greater collaboration in our approach to youth justice aligned to community justice
Equalities	A refreshed Equalities Impact Assessment, including Island Community Impact, will be developed with the refreshed local Community Justice Outcome Plan, to be published on 1 April 2023.

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## References

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Argyll & Bute Chief Social Work Officer Report 2021-2022  
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## Appendices

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