

Highland Community Planning Partnership

Chief Officers' Group – 20 February 2018

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Overview of Community Justice Plan - Highland

Report by Supt. Philip MacRae, Chair of the Community Justice Partnership

Summary

This report provides an update and overview to the Chief Officers of the Community Planning Partnership of the proposed Community Justice Plan for 2018-2021 within Highland. The final draft plan will be presented to the CPP Board for approval in March 2018.

1. Background

1.1 Community Justice was implemented within Highland on 1 April 2017. During the past year, a one year plan has been in place outlining what the Community Justice Partnership seek to achieve in terms of provision of services for those who have a history of offending and those who have been victims of crime.

2. The Community Justice Plan 2018-21

2.1 The Community Justice Plan for 2018-21 is required to be submitted to Community Justice Scotland at the Scottish Government prior to 31 March 2018 for their perusal and comment as per national arrangements. The proposed overview of plan is being presented today (Appendix I) for comment and feedback prior to the final draft stage.

3. Engagement of Partners in the Planning Process

3.1 All the statutory partners involved in Community Justice (Local Authority, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Prisons Service, Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service, Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service) are aware of their obligations to participate in the planning process in order to provide a multi-agency plan that reflects collaboration between them. Engagement with the Third Sector and Victim Support Scotland has also been a key factor in the compilation of the plan.

3.2 Community Justice featured as part of the workshops carried out across Highland in relation to the development of the Highland Outcomes Improvement Plan (HOIP). Focus groups were carried out with those with an offending history within a prison setting and within the community. The learning from the engagement carried out has been a key factor in determining needs and priorities in the planning process.

3.3 A planning day was held with most of the partner agencies represented. Consideration was given to what the priorities for Highland would be over the next three years and how this would link with the Highland Outcomes Improvement Plan (HOIP). The priorities identified are –

Mental Health

Early Intervention and Diversion

Employability and Employment

- 3.4 It was also recognised that there are some cross cutting priorities, which were identified as - Engaging Communities, Gender Specific Needs, Person Centred Approach and the Ongoing Development of the Highland Community Justice Partnership.

4. Community Justice Governance

- 4.1 The Community Planning Partnership, who are responsible for the delivery of the Community Justice Plan, have an overarching role in the governance and review of it.
- 4.2 The Community Justice Partnership meet quarterly and are accountable for the development, implementation, operational delivery and review of the Community Justice Plan for Highland. They also have an ongoing role to consider the development of staff understanding and the use of leveraging resources between partners in order to achieve the outcomes set within the plan. This group sits alongside other thematic groups within the CPP, all of which report through the Chief Officers' Group (COG) and ultimately the Community Planning Partnership.
- 4.3 Membership of the Community Justice Partnership include: The Highland Council (1 Elected Member); Local Authority (Criminal Justice Social Work and Housing); Police Scotland; Scottish Prisons Service; Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service; NHS Highland; Skills Development Scotland; Victim Support Scotland; Third Sector Interface and representatives from the wider third sector – currently held by Apex Scotland and the Libertie Project.

5. Taking the Plan Forward

- 5.1 The final draft plan for the period 2018 – 2021 will be agreed by the CJP on the 7th of March. It will subsequently be presented for agreement to the CPP Board on the 21st of March and thereafter sent to the Scottish Government as required before the 31st of March 2018.
- 5.2 From 1 April 2018, the task of reviewing the plan will begin, ensuring that the outcomes set out to be achieved are met. It is recognised that Actions will evolve over the coming years as the implementation of the plan progresses and this will be monitored in detail at the Community Justice Partnership Meetings.
- 5.3 Engagement with communities, agencies and organisations working with those who have an offending history and those who have been affected by crime will continue throughout the three year period to ensure the information and Actions contained within the plan are still relevant.

Recommendation

Members of the group are asked to note and comment on the proposed overview of the Highland Community Justice Plan for the period 2018-2021. (Appendix I)

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Appendix I



The Highland Community Justice Partnership Plan 2018 - 2021

The Highland Community Justice Partnership is delegated responsibility by the Highland Community Planning Partnership to develop and deliver the Highland Community Justice Plan and to deliver better outcomes for the communities of Highland by reducing offending and reoffending behaviour.

