

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 8 AUGUST 2022.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kirsteen Sullivan, Andrew McGuire, Julie Whitelaw (Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services, West Lothian Council), Yvonne Beresford (West Lothian Council), Pauline Cochrane (West Lothian Council), Mike Reid (NHS Lothian), Jim Quinn (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Wesley Robertson (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) and Brendan McMahon (Police Scotland)

Absent – Angela Doran-Timson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES

The Board confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 25 April 2022 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021-2022

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Partnership providing them with an update on Quarter 4 performance for 2021/2022, for the indicators that supported the Community Safety Plan.

It was recommended that the Board note the updated performance for Quarter 4 for 2021/22.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

4. DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group providing them with a draft of the new Community Safety Strategic Plan 2022-2025 for consideration of approval.

It was recommended that the Board:

1. note the conclusion of the existing Community Safety Plan 2019-22;
2. approve the draft Community Safety Strategic Plan 2022-2025; and

3. support the new Performance Framework.

Decision

To approve the contents of the report.

5. UPDATE ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEVELOPMENTS

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group providing a general update in relation to the development and implementation of the national approaches to Restorative Justice Scotland.

In response to a question regarding whether there were any examples of Restorative Justice meetings within West Lothian, members were advised that there were none to date, however, any future examples would be reported to the Board.

It was recommended that the Board note the following from community justice Scotland in order to progress Restorative Justice:

1. The Sheriffdom area – Lothian and Borders identified and agreed as the first initial test project;
2. Community Justice Scotland (CJS) funded to provide national oversight, monitoring and evaluation of the initial test project;
3. Thriving Survivors funded to provide the National Service for Restorative Justice in sexual harm;
4. The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) submitted a proposal for additional resource to oversee the service for children and young people;
5. The Scottish Government and COSLA hosted a Violence Against Women and Girls and Restorative Justice roundtable event; and
6. Midlothian Community Justice Partnership were completing a consultation with individuals convicted of sexual offences on Restorative Justice.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To note officers would provide examples to the Board on any future Restorative Justice undertaken within West Lothian.

6. COSLA REFRESH OF THE EQUALLY SAFE DELIVERY PLAN, SUMMER 2022 - AUTUMN 2023

The Board were provided with correspondence from the Scottish Government and COSLA and documentation relating to the newly refreshed Equally Safe Delivery Plan.

Decision

To note the contents of the correspondence and COSLA Refresh of the Equally Safe Delivery Plan, Summer 2022 - Autumn 2023.