

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2017

INFORMATION REPORT - COMMUNITY JUSTICE SHARED SERVICES

1. BACKGROUND

On 20 June 2017, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that Angus Council will continue to contribute to the funding of shared or hosted services previously arranged by Tayside Community Justice Authority (Report No.203/17)

http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-06/Report_203_Criminal_Justice.pdf

The following report provides information on the level of service provided to Angus citizens during 2016/17.

2. SHARED SERVICES

2.1 Tayside Arrest Referral Service

The Tayside Arrest Referral Service (TARS) provides services to people after their arrest to help them access support services. During 2016/17, 464 people met the criteria. 75 people agreed to direct contact with others being 'signposted' on to other services. As a result people were able to access services to support them with their needs.

2.2 APEX Tayside

The APEX Service provides a range of supports to people with convictions to find a route into employment. During 2016/17, there were 50 referrals with most people needing only brief input. 17 individuals received ongoing support with 4 of them gaining jobs, 8 starting training and 5 being supported to attend job interviews.

2.3 Tay Project

The Tay Project carries out assessments for the court and parole board and delivers a group programme for sex offenders subject to orders or licences.

During 2016/17, 41 written assessments were prepared, 13 people started the programme and 18 people completed the programme. The impact of the service is to support better decision-making of the court and parole board and to increase public protection. Reconviction rates are low.

3. REPORT AUTHOR

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