

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2021

## INFORMATION REPORT MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (MAPPA)

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**ABSTRACT**

This report provides information to members with regard to services in the Children Families and Justice Directorate, albeit that a decision is not required in terms of the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Order of Reference of Committees.

**1. BACKGROUND**

The Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced a statutory function for Responsible Authorities - Local Authorities, Scottish Prison Service (SPS), Police and Health to establish joint arrangements for the assessment and management of the risk posed by convicted sex offenders to the public. The Responsible Authorities are required to keep the arrangements under review and publish an annual report. The introduction of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) across Scotland in April 2007 necessitated a consistent approach to the management of offenders. In Scotland the implementation of MAPPA has been phased and currently extends to registered sex offenders, Restricted Patients and with effect from April 2016 certain violent offenders (also known as category 3 offenders).

**2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION – SCHEDULES**

The report includes the following statistics of note:

- On 31 March 2020, there were 407 Registered Sex Offenders managed in the community in Tayside, an increase of 27 on the previous year.
- On 31 March 2020, there were 116 registered sex offenders within Angus, an increase of 14 on the previous year.

The report also notes that because of the impact of COVID 19, all MAPPA meetings at Level 1, 2 and 3 changed from being face to face to being conducted using technology. This has meant that all required MAPPA meetings have been held in required timescales with all partners able to engage in the meetings and contribute.

The local Police Scotland Offender Management Unit and the Angus Justice Service have continued to maintain contact with people subject to supervision and/or restriction requirements by telephone or other means as well as office appointments and home visits as required to manage risk. All arrangements support social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment is in place.

The full report is attached and will be available on the Angus Council website.

**3. REPORT AUTHOR**

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