

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2017

REPORT ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHARED SERVICES

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ABSTRACT

Following the dissolution of the Tayside Community Justice Authority, approval is sought for payment to be made to Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Council for their continued provision through 2017/18 of specific services hosted by those local authorities on behalf Angus Criminal Justice Service.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the payments to Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Councils as detailed at section 5 below.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Council Plan 2013-2017:

7. our communities are safe, secure and vibrant
8. we have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced
9. individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services

3. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to report number 37/17; Item 5 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resource Committee of 31 January 2017.

4. CURRENT POSITION

Tayside Community Justice Authority (TCJA) was disestablished on 31st March 2017. The Scottish Government now allocates the ring-fenced grant allocation monies for Criminal Justice Social Work Services to local authorities directly.

A small number of criminal justice services have historically been delivered on a pan-Tayside basis, reflecting the need to ensure efficiencies of scale. Prior to the disestablishment of TCJA, the grant allocation monies came in for Tayside and the arrangements for the financing of shared or hosted services were made by the TCJA and the hosting authority.

Now that grant allocation monies come direct to local authorities, an arrangement needs to be put in place to fund the continuation of shared or hosted services.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 There are no proposals that changes be made to the longstanding arrangements for shared or hosted services across Tayside at this time. To support the continuation of the existing models of provision, the following is proposed for 2017/18:
- 5.2 Payment of £37,500 to Perth and Kinross Council as the Angus Criminal Justice Service contribution to the Tayside Arrest Referral Service providing services to individuals after arrest to support and 'signpost' to services for help with substance misuse, mental health and other issues.
- 5.3 Payment of £23,254 to Dundee City Council as the Angus Criminal Justice Service contribution to the Apex Service providing a range of practical support to those with convictions to find a route into employment.
- 5.4 Payment of £84,000 to Dundee City Council as the Angus Criminal Justice Service contribution to fund the Tay Project, a specialist service hosted by Dundee City Council providing assessment and programme intervention for those convicted of sexual offences as a requirement of the Court.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As noted above, costs will be met in full through the criminal justice grant allocation monies.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The proposed arrangements outlined in this report are transitional in nature due to the timescale of the detail of the Scottish Government criminal justice social work grant allocation being made available to local authorities. During 2017/18, work will be progressed to finalise a contractual framework for future years.

8. CONSULTATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Consultation has taken place with relevant officers from each organisation as well as with officers from the other two Local Authorities.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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