

SE10. Following the Public Pound: Community Safety

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the work of external organisations in receipt of funding in whole or in part, who provide community safety services, and who fall within the Following the Public Pound (FPP) reporting and monitoring arrangements. Fiona Campbell provided an overview of the report.

(a) Falkirk Towns Ltd – Specialised Security Taxi Marshalling Service

Fiona Campbell provided an overview of the report, advising that Falkirk Towns Ltd – Specialised Security Taxi Marshalling Service received a direct grant of £24,500 in the reporting period.

The committee discussed the performance of the service and value it added to Falkirk's night time economy.

Decision

The committee approved the report and acknowledged progress by Forth Valley Macmillan Money Matters Project.

(b) SACRO Restorative Justice/Restorative Acceptable Behaviour Service

Matthew Davies provided an overview of the report, advising that SACRO Restorative Justice/Restorative Acceptable Behaviour Service received a direct grant of £127,400 in the reporting period.

The committee asked if there was close working with the School Based Police Officers. Matthew Davies confirmed that partnership work was undertaken. There had been joint internet safety presentations.

Decision

The committee approved the report and acknowledged progress by SACRO Restorative Justice/Restorative Acceptable Behaviour Service.

(c) Forth Valley Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Contract with Scottish Families Against Drugs (SFAD)

Fiona Campbell provided an overview of the report considering the performance of Forth Valley Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Contract with Scottish Families Against Drugs (SFAD). She advised that a direct grant from Falkirk Council of £20,000 was received by the organisation in the reporting period which was matched by funding from Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils.

In response to a question on the number of tele-health referrals Fiona Campbell advised that she would provide this information to members after the meeting. Discussion highlighted need to promote the service and combat stigma. The committee raised concern that the audited accounts had not yet been received.

Decision

The committee approved the report and acknowledged progress by Forth Valley Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Contract with Scottish Families Against Drugs.