

EX116. REDESIGNING THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Social Work Services presenting the Scottish Government's response to its consultation on proposals to redesign the community justice system.

The Scottish Government had consulted on proposals to redesign the community justice system in January 2013. Following a lengthy and wide consultation the Government published its response in January 2014. It was proposed that the new community justice system would comprise 7 key elements with local planning and delivery led by community planning partnerships and with a national body established to provide strategic oversight and assurance and make recommendations to Scottish Ministers and local authority elected members. The new system would result in the abolition of the community justice authorities.

Details were given of the implications for Falkirk Council and its community planning partners, highlighting that, with any changes unlikely until 2015, there was an opportunity in 2014 to consult locally with partners on the local delivery of the system.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the Scottish Government's response to its consultation on Redesigning the Community Justice System;**
- (2) requested that the Community Planning Partnership Leadership Group begin the process of preparing for the incorporation of Community Justice planning processes into Community Planning Partnership arrangements, and**
- (3) requested that the Director of Social Work provide a further report following the next stage of consultation.**