

Reducing Reoffending Partnership –

Report by John Blair, Director, Resources.

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to consider the recommendations of the Midlothian Safer Communities Board in relation to the Council's discharge of its responsibilities in respect of reducing re-offending, following the disestablishment of Community Justice Authorities (CJA) on 31 March 2017.

2 Background

The subject matter was the subject of a report by the Community Safety Manager to the Midlothian Safer Communities Board on 19 May 2015. A copy of this report is appended. This report provides details of the Council's obligations from 31 March 2017 and outlines the steps required in preparation to assume those obligations.

The Midlothian Safer Communities Board agreed to recommend to the Council as follows:-

“ To approve the proposals outlined in the report and to accordingly recommend to the Council, that the Community Safety Partnership's functions be expanded to include the reduction of reoffending and that from 10 November 2015 be renamed as the Safer Communities and Shadow Reducing Reoffending Partnership, with the shadow element of this arrangement ceasing on 31 March 2017 when CJAs would be disestablished.”

A revised remit and membership of the new partnership will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for consideration and approval, if the Council adopts the Safer Communities Board's recommendation.

3 Recommendations

The Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the Midlothian Safer Communities Board in respect of the discharge of its responsibilities in respect of reducing re-offending, following the disestablishment of Community Justice Authorities (CJA) on 31 March 2017.

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