

Key Point/Checklist/ Recommendation	Council Position Yes/No	Action/Response:	Date for Implementation	Lead Officer
Does the Council and the Community Justice Authorities (CLAs) work together to improve their understanding of the unit costs of different types of criminal justice social work activity and how these relate to the quality of service delivered. This work should be used to inform decisions on how resources are used and where efficiency could be improved.	Yes	<p>Following the publication of the Audit Scotland Report the Council will, with it's partners within the Argyll, Bute and Dunbartonshires' Criminal Justice Social Work Partnership be seeking to establish a clearer understanding of the costs of CJSW services.</p> <p><i>Note: the Audit \Scotland report refers to indicative unit costs of ** and CJ Reports which reflect a division of grant allocation against that heading by activity levels. This is highly unlikely to reflect the "real" cost of the service as, over several years the value of the community justice funding has increasingly lagged behind the cost of delivering the service. The relationship between the value of the grant and cost has further been distorted by the effect of the funding formula, rightly criticised in the report.</i></p>	30 th January 2013	Partnership Manager/Service Manager Criminal Justice
Does the Council work with the Scottish Government and CJAs to improve how services are reducing reoffending are planned, designed and delivered to ensure that they:	Yes	The Council and partners works with the CJA to reduce re-offending. This is achieved within a Planning and Performance Improvement Framework drawing down from the National Strategy from the Management of Offenders, the CJA National strategic Aims and objectives and Area Plan, to create and implement a Partnership Strategic Plan focusing upon, five strategic Priorities which underpin the achievement of reducing re-offending.	The current plan runs up to 2014	Partnership Manager/Service Manager

<p>1 Meet the needs of offenders, in particular those serving short sentences</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>These are, Assessment, Supervision, Workforce Development, resource Planning And Commissioning and management and Performance Improvement.</p> <p>The Majority of prisoners serving shorter sentence are not subject to any form of statutory post custodial supervision.</p> <p>The Council / CJ Partnership is presently working with third sector partners within the terms of priorities identified through the Reducing Re-offending 2 programme towards a bid for funding via the Community Justice Change Fund. The focus of this bid is Persistent offenders, group which contributes disproportionately to the short term prison population.</p>	<p>January 2013 (bid deadline)</p>	<p>Partnership Manager</p>
<p>2 Recognise the level of demand</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Council has clear understanding of the level of demand, directly through analysis of Aggregate return information re activity levels over the past ten years and through recorder crime data.</p> <p>The CJ Partnership's Commissioning Strategy will be brought up to date to reflect the most recent available data/analysis within the context of anticipated significant changes within the strategic</p>	<p>December 2012 (and annually)</p>	<p>Partnership Manager/ Planning Officer</p>

3 Are based on evidence of what works	Yes	<p><i>Note. Both the current Audit Scotland report and preceding Overview report on the Scottish Criminal Justice System , recognise that demand in terms of community justice services is a product of the decisions of sentencers over which services have little control.</i></p> <p><i>A corollary of this is that demand expressed through this medium may not consistently reflect need in respect of the nature and pattern of criminal activity.</i></p>		
4 Take into account costs of delivery.	Yes	<p>The Council has invested considerable effort in terms of improving practice over recent years , principally through commitment of staff to participation in national training programmes with regard to improved risk assessment tools and the implementation of Community Payback Orders.</p> <p>The Change fund bid noted above will focus on what is described in the Audit Scotland and Commission on Women Offenders reports as the promise offered by intensive mentoring and more generally the merits in the longer term of early and effective intervention</p>	March 2013 (contingent upon success of bid and /or nationally co-ordinated initiatives currently in process)	Partnership Manager
4 Take into account costs of delivery.	Yes	See above comment re unit costs.		Partnership Manager