Recommendations Due After 30 April 2014

ACTION WEAKNESSES/GOOD AGREED ACTION: DATES: **COMMENT/EXPLANATION: PYRAMID:** PLAN NO: **GRADE: RESPONSIBLE**

30 September 2013

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6 Take into account costs of delivery.

Following the publication of the Audit 31 January 2013 Scotland Report the Council will, with it's partners within the Argyll, Bute and 31 March 2014 **Dunbartonshires' Criminal Justice** Social Work Partnership be seeking to establish a clearer understanding of the costs of CJSW services.

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.

The CJP will also closely monitor the Scottish Government commissioning of a review of unit costs within Criminal Justice Social Work. Unit costs being looked at by Partnership in preparation for the CJ redesign.

Delayed but rescheduled Partnership Manager

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