



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Engagement, Community and
Citizen Empowerment Committee

Report by Director of Community Empowerment Services and
Equalities

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Item 3

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE GLASGOW ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

Purpose of Report:

To present to the Committee the Community Justice Glasgow Partnership digital Annual Report for 2020-2021 <http://2021.cjg-annualreport.co.uk>

To provide an overview of achievements that have been possible through the strength of partnership and telling the story of Community Justice.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- Note the Annual Report – <http://2021.cjg-annualreport.co.uk>
- Note that some key performance data has to date not been available to show statistical progress towards our performance indicators. Analysis will be provided in due course.
- Click one minute survey to tell us your thoughts about your understanding of Community Justice or find the survey at <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/cjgoneminutesurvey>

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

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1 Introduction / Background

- 1.1 The Annual Report is required to fulfil one of [Community Justice Glasgow's](#) (CJG) statutory responsibilities under Section 23 of the [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#). [Community Justice Scotland](#) (CJS), the leadership body responsible for Community Justice, draws information from this and the Annual Report of all other Community Justice Partnerships to compile its own Annual Report which will be laid before Scottish Parliament – this is currently in draft format and is out for consultation until 20/01/22 with Community Justice Partnerships across Scotland.
- 1.2 The [2020-2021 digital Annual Report](#) reflects on the strength and flexibility of the Community Justice partnership in Glasgow - particularly poignant during the early months of the Covid19 Pandemic. The fully searchable and interactive report showcases just some of those achievements made together through collaboration, co-production and engagement across the organisations and services. It also demonstrates how partners have come together to consider, test and agree the most effective and efficient use of the resources that we have, pushing boundaries and innovating to continuously improve the availability of services and delivery for the citizens of Glasgow – over particularly challenging times.
- 1.3 The Annual Report provides an opportunity to formally check progress against the aims and objectives, as partners, we agreed to focus on as part of the outcome improvement performance reporting. Due to the impact of Covid 19 on provision of data and - what was for many - a necessary shift of resources to continue delivery of services - much of the information we rely on has not yet been published – some of it locally agreed and some delayed national reporting. This has meant that from a data standpoint we cannot yet show a coherent picture that demonstrates progress towards our performance outcomes. This demonstrates the vulnerability of our performance reporting to data providers both locally and nationally, often agreed through relationships between organisation and individuals. This has been a well-documented weakness in the current [National Performance Framework](#). Both the [National Strategy for Community Justice](#) and National Performance Framework are being refreshed and are currently out for consultation, we have fed this vulnerability back through consultation workshops. We will continue to update the performance section of the Annual Report as data becomes available.

2 Content & Concept

- 2.1. We designed the digital Annual Report (in content and style) to be an easy read, bitesized, searchable information and learning platform, which brings together content in many formats (film, audio, written, pictures etc.). The report includes almost 60 articles that tell the *story* of Community Justice in Glasgow - through the eyes of the services who deliver and the people who need and use those services - in a way that demonstrates the wider ecosystem that is Community Justice beyond Social Work, Police etc.

- 2.2. Feedback from the first of our digital newspaper style Annual Report (2019-20 <http://cjpg-annualreport.co.uk/>) was extremely positive. As the report is widely accessible, we will not publish a print version.

3 Going Forward / Next Steps

- 3.1 We officially launched the Annual Report at a livestream event [LET'S TALK ABOUT COMMUNITY JUSTICE](#) on 28th October, where we also took the opportunity to premiere a new video resource set out to tackle some of the myths around a short-term prison sentences, drawing on the lived experience of those who have served short-term prison sentences – we plan to build on this resource with additional ‘talking heads’ and a mythbuster toolkit. Over the course of the remainder of 2021 and 2022 we will use the Annual Report as a key engagement / communication and discussion tool. We will also closely examine what the data is telling us as it becomes available and drive discussion and any necessary change through the appropriate strategic and working groups of the Community Justice Glasgow Partnership.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	Failure to reduce re-offending will have a significant financial impact on the City. Estimated spending currently £587m per Annum.
<i>Legal:</i>	None
<i>Personnel:</i>	None
<i>Procurement:</i>	None

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Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	No, people with convictions do not fall within the protected characteristics groupings. There is a deficit in equalities data within wider justice data largely due to ethics issues in relation to the small numbers in samples that would potentially render individuals identifiable.
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What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

None

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Yes. The majority of people with convictions are known to come from the most deprived areas of Glasgow. The Community Justice Glasgow Partnership works to reduce barriers to accessing services across areas such as Health & Wellbeing, Housing, Education, Learning Skills & Employment

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

None

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

None

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

No

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

All data and information sharing is within the scope of the General Data Protection Regulation and where appropriate specific Information Sharing Protocols.

5 Recommendations

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