

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET: 16 DECEMBER 2009**

### **MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (MAPPA) ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

#### **Report by Executive Director of Educational & Social Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the publication of the Annual Report 2009 in respect of the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) 2005 introduced a statutory duty on the Police, Local Authorities, the Prison Service and Health to establish joint arrangements for the assessment and management of risk posed by certain offenders.
- 2.2 The approach was implemented on 2 April 2007. In the first year, registered sex offenders were included and in year two, restricted patients were also included (referring to offenders who are subject to a restriction order due to mental disorder).
- 2.3 The overarching purpose of MAPPA is public protection and the primary function of the MAPPA meeting is the scrutiny of risk assessment, information sharing and the development, ratification and review of risk management plans.
- 2.4 The MAPPA has been implemented in the eight Community Justice Authority (CJA) areas in Scotland, including the South West Scotland CJA area which covers four local authorities; East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.
- 2.5 A Strategic Oversight Group was implemented this year which oversees the development of MAPPA in the South West Scotland CJA area, and the performance and quality of arrangements. East Ayrshire Council is represented by the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice. The work of the Strategic Oversight Group reports directly to the East Ayrshire Chief Officers Group, ensuring that there is an overview of all public protection arrangements in East Ayrshire (child protection, protection of vulnerable adults and MAPPA).
- 2.6 A MAPPA Coordinator is in place and leads across the three Ayrshire Local Authorities. The Coordinator reports to the Ayrshire Criminal Justice Partnership Manager, who reports to the Criminal Justice Joint Committee

which has delegated authority from three local authorities in Ayrshire to maintain an overview of Criminal Justice Social Work.

### **3. KEY ISSUES**

3.1 The Annual Report 2009 provides an area summary of the MAPPA processes, an overview of the operation of MAPPA and details the developments in year 2 of operation.

3.2 Progress has been made in a range of other areas during 2008/09 including improved planning linkages between child protection, adult protection and MAPPA; the development of a quality assurance framework and the inclusion of a Victim Support representative in the development of MAPPA.

3.3 The key current developments include;

- Progress in implementing the VISOR IT system (register on violent offenders and sex offenders).
- Achievements in staff training and development, including the delivery of risk assessment, training.
- Developmental work with duty to cooperate agencies.

3.4 The report also contains statistical data providing an overview of MAPPA activity. This data is reported annually to the Scottish Government and is publicly available.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the completion of the report.

### **5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The completion of the report complies with national MAPPA guidance, and ensures that there is a national overview of progress in implementing MAPPA across Scotland.

### **6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1 This is a multi agency annual report, with involvement of key partner agencies, all of whom contribute to community planning in East Ayrshire.**

### **7. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The annual report summarises work being undertaken to strengthen risk management work with offenders, which contributes to community safety in East Ayrshire.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- i) endorses the contents of this report.

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**3 December 2009**

### **BACKGROUND PAPER:**

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Multi Agency Public Protection  
Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report 2009

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