

**Report To:** Health and Social Care Committee      **Date:** 21 October 2010

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**Subject:** Criminal Justice Authority – Service Redesign Project

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report is to inform Members of a Service Redesign Process which has been initiated within the Criminal Justice Authority.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 In order to meet the anticipated reduction in spending by the Government to the Criminal Justice Authority, a Service Redesign Project has been set up to look at options for a fundamental redesign of Criminal Justice Services across the authorities. This will take account of new responsibilities which will be placed on Criminal Justice Services as well as current statutory functions provided in line with national standards.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the Service Redesign Process.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 It is anticipated that the grant provided to Criminal Justice Authorities by the Scottish Government to provide Criminal Justice Services could be cut by as much as 20%, although this will not be clear until after the Spending Review. North Strathclyde Criminal Justice Authority has been proactive in setting up a Service Redesign project to look at how such significant cuts in grant could be accommodated alongside the increasing statutory responsibilities being placed on the services.

## 5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The Criminal Justice Authority has set up a Project Redesign Team led by a Service Manager seconded by East Renfrewshire to lead the process. The team will include nominated officers from across the Authority and Inverclyde has asked the Service Manager, Criminal Justice to participate as the Council's representative. The Team will have access to advice from nominated representatives of Legal Services, Finance Services and Human Resources.
- 5.2 The work of the Project Redesign Team will be overseen by a Project Management Board which will include the seven Chief Officers from the Criminal Justice Authority and will be supported by the Chief Officer from the C.J.A. The conclusions of the review will be reported to the Criminal Justice Board and to individual Committees.
- 5.3 It is anticipated that this review will consider significant reorganisation of services to cut current management costs. As an extreme option, this could include services being managed from one location north of the river and one south of the river rather than each authority managing services within their own boundaries. Officers would wish to ensure that proposals should not result in a dilution of service locally for service users in Inverclyde and that, should management arrangements change, there is clarity about accountability and robust local reporting mechanisms.
- 5.4 As the proposals develop, officers will keep Members informed.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal:

6.2 Finance:  
The implications are not yet clear

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

6.3 Personnel:

The implications are not yet clear although any consequential redundancies involving Inverclyde staff would have to be funded by Inverclyde. Any proposals would be costed locally prior to agreement.

6.4 Equalities:

The Project Redesign Team will take account of equalities issues in their work

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 Staff and unions will be consulted as the process develops. They are aware that this process has been initiated.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

