The report advises elected members of the Tayside Community Justice Authority (TCJA) Annual Report 2010–11, that was approved by the Community Justice Authority on 27 September and submitted to the Scottish Government Community Justice Services Division on 30 September 2011.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee notes the contents of the Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Report 2010 – 11.

2. BACKGROUND

Section 3(5)(g) of the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005, requires Community Justice Authorities to submit an Annual Report to the Scottish Ministers, as soon as is practicable after the end of each financial year.

The submission deadline for CJAs to submit their 2010-11 Annual Reports was 30 September 2011. A copy of the Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual report 2010 – 11 submitted to the Scottish Government is appended to this report.

The Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Report 2010 – 11 details:

- the ways in which Tayside CJA is engaging with a broad range of services, towards the objective of reducing reoffending in Tayside;
- numerous examples of good practice undertaken in 2010-11;
- an analysis of Tayside’s reconviction rate for the 2007-08 offender cohort;
- a full update in relation to the 2010-11 Action Plan.

3. Structure and content of the Tayside CJA Annual Report 2010-11

The structure and content of the TCJA annual report is summarised as follows:

Foreword

The report opens with the convener’s introduction, stating that the report demonstrates the ways in which Tayside CJA has engaged with a broad range of partners, and commends their involvement in implementing the 2008-11 Area Plan and accompanying 2010-11 Action Plan.
Section 1 - Introduction

This section sets out the background to the formation of the CJAs, and describes who Tayside CJA and its partners are. It also sets out the focus of the work undertaken towards reducing re-offending across Tayside, through joint-working arrangements with partner agencies.

Section 2 – How We Add Value

This section illustrates how the CJAs add value to Scotland's criminal justice system, through engendering partnership working, and through engaging with and influencing various aspects of, and agencies within the criminal justice system.

Section 3 – Our Progress in 2010-11

This section sets out the progress Tayside CJA has made in reducing reoffending in 2010-11, under the following headings:

- Progress made against the 2010-11 Action Plan (including Appendix 1 showing progress against all 2009-10 action points)
- Sharing Good Practice
- Community Payback
- Reducing Re-Offending (reporting on the reconviction rate)

Section 3.2.2 highlights as an example of good practice the use of Structured Deferred Sentences in Angus.

Section 4 – Managing Resources

This section reports on the running costs of the CJA, on how the 'Section 27' funding for Criminal Justice Social Work Services was spent, and on the monitoring arrangements that are in place to ensure that budgets are met.

Section 5 - Communications

This section describes who Tayside CJA's stakeholders are, and explains the way in which the CJA communicates with them. There is also a section on how and where the CJA will aim to improve its overall communication, including engaging more effectively with local communities.

Section 6 – Our Future Focus

This section sets out what the future focus of Tayside CJA will be, in terms of the new Strategic (SMART) Objectives for 2011-14.

4. RISKS

This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications arising out of this report.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.
7. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

8. **SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for 2011-14.

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant;
- We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced.

9. **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

10. **CONCLUSION**

This report advises elected member of the publication of the Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Report 2010 – 11.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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