

Reducing re-offending – forthcoming coalition publication

Decisions

1. *Members are asked to agree that the LGA take forward the work set out in paragraph 8:*
 - *publication of the coalition document;*
 - *the changing the name of the coalition to the Coalition on Social and Criminal Justice;*
 - *lobbying and representational work be conducted with coalition organisations once the publication is produced.*

Actions Required

2. *Coalition publication to be produced along with media and lobbying work.*

Action by: *Safer Communities Board team*

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Summary

1. *This report sets out proposed LGA work on reducing re-offending focusing on a forthcoming publication by a coalition of organisations that includes the LGA.*

Background

2. *At the Safer Communities Board meeting on 13 March, the Board received a progress report on the LGA work on reducing re-offending. One of the main actions members agreed to was a publication supporting the implementation of the recommendations from Going Straight by a coalition of public and voluntary sector organisations with criminal justice knowledge and experience.*

Reducing re-offending coalition publication

3. *The reducing re-offending coalition includes the following organisations:*

- *The Local Government Association*
- *Crime Concern*
- *The Prison Reform Trust*
- *Clinks*
- *The Probation Boards' Association*
- *Kings College London*

It was established in March 2006 to explore the possibility of producing a document on which to lobby the government in support of the implementation of the recommendations made in the LGA Going Straight Report published in February 2005.

4. *Several meetings of the coalition have taken place and a draft publication has been produced with input from all coalition members. The draft has been circulated for comments and members will receive a confidential copy in a separate mailing.*
5. *Rob Allen, Director of the International Centre for Prison Studies at Kings College London, one of the coalition organisations will give a short presentation to the Board on the work of the coalition and the aims of the publication.*
6. *Further details of the proposed media and lobbying strategy will be presented at the Board meeting.*
7. *The coalition has proposed that its name be changed to the Coalition on Social and Criminal Justice.*

Future action

8. *It is recommended that:*

- *Members discuss the draft and agree to the coalition publication*
- *Members agree to changing the name of the coalition to the Coalition on Social and Criminal Justice*
- *Lobbying and representational work be conducted with coalition organisations once the publication is produced*

Implications for Wales

9. *The publication does not apply to Wales.*

Financial/Resource Implications

10. *No exceptional implications have been identified at this stage.*

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