
To: North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority

On: 12th December 2014

Report by: Chief Officer

**Heading: North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority
Office Accommodation**

1. Summary

- 1.1** A current 3 year lease of the NSCJA office accommodation at Unit 905, Mile End Mill in Paisley is due to expire on 12th December 2014.
- 1.2** Given the position that CJAs will be disestablished under the current review of Community Justice Structures we require to extend the lease for the likely timescale that this will take.
- 1.3** The legislation to disestablish CJAs will take until the end of 2015 to complete the parliamentary process and after that point CJAs could cease. The new arrangements won't take effect until 1st April 2016 at which point the CJAs will have gone.
- 1.4** We have therefore agreed with the landlord to extend the lease for 12 months to December 2015 and have a right to run on a month to month basis thereafter. The costs are the same as we currently pay ie £1323 per month including vat.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Authority is asked to approve the renewal of the lease for Unit 905, Mile End Business Centre for a further period of 1 year and thereafter on a month to month basis as required.

3. Background

- 3.1** Scotland's eight Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) were established in April 2006 by The Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005. As part of the arrangements to establish CJAs the Scottish Government agreed to provide an administration grant which would cover the costs of employees, business costs and accommodation costs.

Implications of the Report

Equality & Human Rights

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Authorities website.

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