

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

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Agenda Item	
Report No	

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING ASSOCIATION SCOTTISH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

Report by the Assistant Clerk

Summary

This Report advises Members of the success of the Independent Custody Visiting Association's Scottish Annual Conference, which the Board hosted in Inverness on 20 September.

Background

1. At its meeting held on 18 January 2008, the Board agreed to host the 2008 Scottish Annual Conference of the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA). Members were also advised that the Provost of Inverness and the Inverness City Committee had kindly offered to host a Civic Reception for delegates on the evening of Friday 19 September in the Town House, Inverness. The hospitality of this event received much favourable comment.

Event

2. The Conference, chaired by the Convener, Mr Macleod, was very well attended. A total of 94 delegates took part, including guest speakers, representatives from all Scottish police authorities and/or police forces and the Northern Ireland Policing Board, and Members of the ICVA Executive Committee. A copy of the conference programme is appended. The Chief Constable joined the Question Panel, and a slight rearrangement of timings on the day allowed a longer slot for this popular interactive session, which offered delegates the opportunity to quiz directly a range of senior office bearers, including a Government Minister and a Chief Inspector of Constabulary. Particular appreciation was expressed for the presentation from Northern Constabulary's Constable Donald MacDonald, with many delegates commenting on his clear passion and commitment. In addition to the formal programme, for the interest of delegates Reliance Custodial Services made available a mobile custody facility vehicle for viewing during the lunch period.
3. 58 evaluation/feedback sheets were completed and returned. Delegates were asked to rate 6 aspects of the Conference out of 10. Scorings were gratifyingly high, ranging from 9.65 for organisation and administration to 7.79 for relevance of content to the ICV role, with four categories receiving a score of more than 9. Additional individual feedback comments will be analysed for any learning points for future events for dissemination among colleagues in other police authorities. A report on the Conference will be submitted for publication in the ICVA publication "Visiting Times".

Local Impact

4. All visiting volunteer delegates and some others stayed overnight in Inverness on the night of 19 September, with some staying on 20 September also.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to note the success of the Independent Custody Visiting Association Scottish Annual Conference 2008.

Signature

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