

**8 SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE FUNDING – PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS
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It is reported that Dundee City Council Criminal Justice Service has been awarded £20,000 by the Scottish Executive to lead a project to develop an offence-focused programme for women offenders.

The Tayside Criminal Justice Partnership and the Northern Partnership, which consists of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Highlands and Moray, submitted a joint proposal to the Scottish Executive to undertake this work. When it is completed the programme may be made available throughout Scotland as part of the Executive's plans to develop a range of accredited offence focused programmes based on the best available practice in reducing offending.

The Committee is asked to note that Dundee City Council will be the lead authority, on behalf of the Tayside Criminal Justice Partnership, for the development of an offence focused programme for women offenders.