5 FUNDING TO TACKLE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (AN418-2004)

Reference is made to Article I of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28th June 2004 wherein the Committee agreed to put forward a range of projects to tackle anti-social behaviour, to be funded from a provisional allocation of £634,570 by the Scottish Executive. The Executive has confirmed support for virtually all of these projects, which include additional teams of community wardens, youth mediation, victim support, development of an anti-social behaviour website, environmental wardens, an in-house solicitor dedicated to anti-social behaviour cases and other officers dedicated to strategy development and improved liaison with the Police. However, the Executive has advised that one element of the application, £68,570 for projects involving positive engagement with young people, while acknowledged as worthwhile, does not meet the specific criteria for this particular funding. In view of the timescales for considering applications and progressing projects, officers suggested the following alternative uses for the balance of funding available, and the Scottish Executive has agreed to support these:

- link officer between Dundee Co-ordinated Anti-Crime Network and Tayside Police Community Intelligence Unit (£25,000)
- continue position of additional operator/driver of Mobile CCTV Unit for which short term funding will shortly end (£25,000)
- increase officer support to Community Safety Partnership (£15,000)
- increase budget for monitoring/evaluation (£3,570).

It is recommended that the Committee agree to these amendments to the application, in order to secure agreement to the overall package of funding.