

**REPORT TO:                    EQUALITY ACTION COMMITTEE – 8 MAY 2000**

**REPORT ON:                    DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**REPORT BY:                    DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO:                    313-2000**

**1.0      PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1      This report updates Committee on the bid submitted on behalf of the Council for support from the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund.

**2.0      RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1      It is recommended that:
- 2.1.1    Committee notes and approves the contents of the report.

**3.0      FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1      There are no additional financial implications for the Council.

**4.0      EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1      The project will enhance the information and services available to women and their children suffering domestic abuse. It directly reflects the Council's commitment to the key Equality Action theme of Respect and Dignity and our policy priority to work towards the elimination of violence and harassment perpetrated against citizens because of their gender, disability, race or sexuality.

**5.0      LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1      This bid supports the right of people to live without the fear of personal violence from crime or persecution which is a theme of Dundee 21.

**6.0      BACKGROUND**

- 6.1      The Housing Committee of 20 March 2000 approved in principle a bid to the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund.
- 6.2      This led to discussions between partners on the Dundee Domestic Abuse Forum regarding appropriate service improvements and the funding required.
- 6.3      These discussions resulted in proposals for the employment of staff to provide training, advice and information services to victims and their families and to staff of all agencies providing a service to the participant group.
- 6.4      The City Council has now been informed of the success of this bid
- 6.5      The contents of the proposed project have been discussed with partners in the Dundee Domestic Abuse Forum.

**7.0      CONSULTATION**

- 7.1      The Chief Executive and Directors of Support Services, Finance, Corporate Planning, Housing and Social work have been consulted on the content of this Report.

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background paper as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 was relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

Scottish Executive Guidance Paper "Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund" 1999.

Director Neighbourhood Resources and Development .....

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