

REPORT TO: SPECIAL POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2003

**REPORT ON: QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING 2004/05 AND 2005/06
- SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE**

REPORT NO: 352-2003

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree the City Council's submission to the Scottish Executive in respect of how it proposes to use the Quality of Life monies for the two financial years 2004/05 and 2005/06.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- 2.1 Agrees the Quality of Life submissions for 2004/05 and 2005/06 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Instructs the Director of Finance to ensure that the Council's Quality of Life submission is made to the Scottish Executive on 1 July 2003.
- 2.3 Notes that provisions of £1.807m and £2.098m for Quality of Life will be included in the Provisional Revenue Budgets for 2004/05 and 2005/06 respectively.
- 2.4 Instruct Chief Officers to bring forward reports to the appropriate Committees on the implementation of the 2003/04 Quality of Life projects, having now received approval of our submission from the Scottish Executive.

3 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

5 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 On 4 December 2002, the Minister for Finance and Public Services announced the Local Government Finance Settlement for the financial years 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.
- 5.2 Within these settlement figures the Minister included an allocation of £180m of Quality of Life funding, spread over the 3 financial years being £50m, £60m and £70m for 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 respectively.

The City Council's share of the £180m over the 3 financial years is as follows:

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>£m</u>
2003/04	1.524
2004/05	1.807
2005/06	<u>2.098</u>
	<u>5.428</u>

- 5.3 The Ministers have intimated that they expect the Quality of Life funds to be used to reflect the shared central and local government priorities, for improving the local environment and increasing opportunities for children and young people.

The following is a list of broad items on which the Scottish Executive believe the Quality of Life monies should be spent.

Improving the Local Environment

- Making the streets safer including lighting and the provision of CCTV
- Making the streets and open spaces cleaner, including tackling vandalism, graffiti and dog fouling
- Maintaining and Redeveloping parks, open spaces and leisure facilities
- Road safety and traffic calming schemes
- Improving local roads and pavements
- Home safety provision for the elderly and disabled
- Public transport initiatives
- Community health promotion

Increasing opportunities for children & young people

- Exercise, sport and healthy eating
- Swimming lessons
- Improving organised play and play areas
- Drinking water in schools
- Support for youth projects and local voluntary youth work
- Encouraging outdoor recreation and providing leisure access
- Out of school activities for older children

- 5.4 The City Council submitted its detailed submission for the 2003/04 Quality of Life funding to the Scottish Executive on 20 February 2003. The Scottish Executive have now confirmed to the Council that its 2003/04 submission has been agreed by Ministers, and Chief Officers should now bring forward reports to Committees on the implementation of the 2003/04 Quality of Life projects.

- 5.5 The Scottish Executive have asked that the Council make a submission on how it proposes to use its 2004/05 and 2005/06 Quality of Life Funds by 12 June 2003. The Director of Finance requested from the Scottish Executive, an extension of this deadline to 1 July 2003 and this has been provided. Attached to the report, as Appendix A, is the proposed 2004/05 and 2005/06 submission on Quality of Life for the Committee's consideration.

6 CONSULTATION

All Chief Officers of the City Council have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

28 MAY 2003

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

APPENDIX A

	2004/2005	2005/2006
1 Neighbourhood Shopping - Upgrading	£100,000	£100,000
2 Landscaping of Playgrounds	50,000	50,000
3 Dundee Contract Services – Public Open Spaces	100,000	100,000
4 Housing - Unadopted Footpaths	200,000	200,000
5 P & T - Adopted Footpaths	200,000	300,000
6 P & T - White Lighting	400,000	400,000
7 P & T - Traffic Calming	50,000	50,000
8 Leisure and Arts - Roads/Footpaths	50,000	50,000
9 ECPD - Additional Rapid Response Squad and additional cleansing equipment	100,000	200,000
10 Education - Musical Instruments	50,000	50,000
11 Leisure and Arts – Dundee Industrial Heritage	32,500	32,500
12 Leisure and Arts – Playground Improvements	75,000	75,000
13 NRDD – The Shore	124,500	115,500
14 Leisure and Arts - Parks Improvements	90,000	190,000
15 Economic Development - Improvements/ City Centre	25,000	25,000
16 Joint Health Work - Young People	100,000	100,000
17 Leisure and Arts - Skateparks	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	1,807,000	2,098,000