

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 JANUARY 2001

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP -
COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY/ACTION PLANS 2000/2002

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for Dundee Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Strategy and Action Plans for the period 2000/2002.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 approve the strategic priorities for the period 2000/2002.
- 2.2 approve Action Plans for the period 2000/2002.
- 2.3 approve the extension of membership of the Partnership to key relevant local community groups, voluntary organisations and agencies involved with community safety planning.
- 2.4 agree to Tayside Police and the City Council jointly developing Community Safety within the broader context of Community Planning using the Dundee Community Safety Partnership as a vehicle.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Administrative and implementation costs will be met from within existing Departmental or Agency budgets or by external grant or sponsorship support.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan seek to promote the creation of a safer environment for all citizens of Dundee.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The various dimensions of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy will continue to be given specific attention by the Strategy particularly the priorities of the Equality Action Plan.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 All major departments together with Tayside Police and Tayside Fire Brigade contribute to the production of formal action plans which aim to mainstream community safety approaches into ongoing departmental services.

6.2 Copies of the Partnership Strategic Priorities and Action Plans 2000/2002 have been provided to group secretaries and are available within the Councillors Lounge.

6.3 The priorities for Partnership action planning were approved on 14 February 2000 by the Policy & Resources Committee (Report 107/2000).

7.0 DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - FUTURE ROLE

7.1 With the development of community safety as a key dimension of community planning, it will be necessary to extend representation on the Partnership to relevant local community groups, key voluntary organisations and external agencies who are significantly involved in community safety issues. By investing the community planning role in the Partnership it is possible to avoid duplication of effort and action planning by the key players involved in this work.

7.2 The Scottish Executive Report "Threads of Success: Making it Work Together" published November 2000 highlights the need to develop more collaborative partnerships with local communities and key agencies, secure resources to develop partnership working, develop joint planning to incorporate community safety into mainstream service delivery and communicate the safety message effectively.

The Audit Commission has within Reports "Safe and Sound: A Study of Community Safety Partnerships in Scotland" May 2000 and "Safe and Sound: Self Assessment Good Practice Guide for Community Safety Partnerships" September 2000 stressed the need for an in depth analysis of planning, auditing and evaluation criteria for performance assessment.

7.3 The Partnership has considered these reports and have reflected these within the action plan for Partnership working 2000/2002.

It is proposed that Tayside Police and the City Council jointly develop Community Safety within the broader context of Community Planning using the Dundee Community Safety Partnership as the vehicle.

7.4 The Action Plans for the Partnership will contribute significantly to the Council's Community Plan.

8.0 CONSULTATION - EXTERNAL

8.1 The Report has been the subject of discussion with the Divisional Commander Tayside Police and Commander 'A' Division Tayside Fire Brigade.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 The Chief Executive and all relevant Council Departments have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

Report 107/2000 Community Safety Strategy, approved 14 February 2000.

Scottish Executive, 2000 "Threads of Success: A Study of Community Safety Partnerships in Scotland".

Audit Commission, 2000 "Safe and Sound: A Study of Community Safety Partnerships in Scotland".

Audit Commission, 2000 "Safe and Sound: Self-Assessment Good Practice Guide for Community Safety Partnerships".

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