

REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE – 13 JANUARY 2003

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAMME
2002-2005 – PROGRESS UPDATE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for the submission of the 2003/2004 funding bid to the Scottish Executive for the 2nd year of the 3 year rolling programme under criteria outlined in the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the 2000/2002 Action Plan Review.
- 2.2 Approves the 2002/2004 Action Plan.
- 2.3 Authorises the submission of a Year 2 Funding Bid to the Scottish Executive by 31 January 2003 under the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme for 2003/2004.
- 2.4 Notes the link of this key theme Partnership Group to the work of Dundee in Partnership – The Community Plan in Dundee 2001-2006.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding proposals throughout the 3 year plan were approved under Report No 71-2002 approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 28 January 2002. As in Year (1) the Scottish Executive will decide on the level of the additional variable award to the Council on the basis of the proposed Action Plans content. This additional allocation will be determined by March 2003.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Safety Action Plans 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 Equality Schemes will continue to receive specific attention by the Partnership in discharging services.

6.0 BACKGROUND & CURRENT POSITION

6.1 This Report covers part of the 1st year of funding under the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme which commenced on 1 April 2002.

- 6.2 The progress on mainstreaming community safety activity during the period 2000/2002 has been substantial with many Departments clearly contributing to the priorities via mainstream services. Both Tayside Police and Tayside Fire Brigade have also contributed to the targeted priorities. The Action Plans Review details the progress made against the identified priorities of the Community Safety Strategy for the period 2000/2002.
- 6.3 Members will note that the 2000/2002 Action Plans did not contain any reference to voluntary sector partners who had no representation on the Partnership until April 2002. This represented an inherent difficulty for the Partnership in assisting the building of local citizen capacity to engage in community safety activities. This position has now been rectified.
- 6.4 With the award of external funding from the Scottish Executive for 3 years from 1 April 2002 substantial progress has been made in reforming the membership of the Partnership to more adequately reflect the contribution of key voluntary organisations and local community safety groups operating within neighbourhoods throughout Dundee.

7.0 FUTURE POSITION

- 7.1 The main emphasis of the Partnership is to harness co-operation between partner organisations to meet the identified priorities outlined within Dundee in Partnership – The Community Plan for Dundee 2001/2006. The relevant priorities are identified within pages 37/39 of that document.
- 7.2 The 2002/2004 Partnership Action Plan identifies our Partnership mainstreaming intentions to meet these priorities together with the cross cutting issues for broader community planning (see para 4.2 Action Plans 2002/2004).
- 7.3 The Year (2) funding bid will seek to contribute to tackling these priorities which also fall within the funding criteria.
- 7.4 The Scottish Executive have been provided with a 6 month update on progress related to the 2002/2003 bid and will also receive a detailed progress report on the full year expenditure to 31 March 2003 in due course.
- 7.5 The Committee may wish to note the 2002/2003 progress highlights to date as follows:
- Funding with the DAAT of an Arrest Referral Scheme to divert substance abuse offenders into rehabilitation as opposed to sentencing.
 - Commissioning of external consultancy report on the future control room and link up requirements for CCTV systems.
 - Support for community based initiatives via a small grant award programme.
 - Underwriting target hardening of domestic property to reduce repeat intruder entry across the City.
 - Employment of community safety worker support personnel.
 - Improved Partnership publicity and communication.
 - Increased training support for Partnership members.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 External

The Report content has been the subject of consultation with all partner organisations represented on Dundee Community Safety Partnership.

8.2 Internal

The Chief Executive and all relevant Council Departments have been consulted on the content of this Report.

8.3 Copies of the relevant Action Plans and Reviews have been provided to all Group secretaries.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 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.

- Dundee Community Safety Partnership – Action Plans 2000/2002 – Review
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership – Action Plans 2002/2004
- Dundee in Partnership – The Community Plan for Dundee 2001-2006.
- Report 71/2002 Dundee Community Safety Award Programme 2002-2005.

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