

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 27 August 2007

**REPORT ON:** Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Local Action Fund: Youth Activities Evaluation and Monitoring Report 2006-2007

**REPORT BY:** A D Boffey, Head of Community Learning & Development, Co-Chairperson  
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**REPORT NO:** 415-2007

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval of the 2006-2007 Evaluation and Monitoring Report to the Scottish Executive for the dispersal of the Local Action Fund; Youth Activities as per the conditions of grant award.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 approve the 2007-2008 monitoring and evaluation report to the Scottish Executive.
- 2.2 note the increase in levels of participation in youth activities under the initiative (see Appendix 1).
- 2.3 promote the extension of this funding initiative by the Scottish Executive post 1 April 2008.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The initiative was funded by external award from the Scottish Executive for the period 2004-2006. All awards were approved by Committee. Extension of support has been agreed for the period 2006-2008.

### **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Sustainability  
The activities funded under the initiative contribute to the sustainability of safe, secure communities.
- 4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment  
None required.
- 4.3 Anti-Poverty  
The activities funded under the initiative contribute to the principles of participation in society and empowerment through the development of personal capacity, interests, opportunities and participation in decision making.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The initiative offers opportunities to all young people, irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

### **6.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 6.1 The statistical analysis of provision for the period 2004 to 2007 outlined in Appendix 1 illustrates the increase in provision and numbers participating.
- 6.2 Stakeholder providers are required to target provision as addition to their core work and also to provision outwith routine time periods i.e. after 20.00 hours weekdays and at weekends/holidays.

6.3 The full report highlights the following achievements:

- Increase in targeted interventions.
- High levels of inter agency/organisation partnership collaboration.
- Involvement of young people in deciding content/operation of provision.
- The positive reduction in youth related annoyance and levels of vandalism where positive youth diversion strategies are in place.
- The improved quality of life of local residents where positive youth diversion strategies are in place.

## **7.0 FUTURE PROVISION**

7.1 During 2006-2007 assessment of applications has been devolved to the Youth Work Providers Sub Group of the Dundee Community Learning Partnership in order to best allocate resources matched to local community needs and priorities identified under local community planning. This Group will advise the Local Community Planning Partnership of proposed commission services post 31 March 2008.

7.2 Articulation with Local Outcome Agreements targets identified under the Dundee Regeneration/Antisocial Behaviour Strategies have been taken into consideration in the operation of the award from 1 April 2006.

7.3 Should the Scottish Executive offer continued support post 1 April 2008 this initiative will move to a full commissioning basis to further reflect community planning targeting of resources to greatest effect. Preparatory work to develop this has already commenced.

7.4 The Dundee Community Safety Partnership is actively pressing the Scottish Executive to continue and expand this award post 1 April 2008. Successful visits to Dundee have been made by officers of the Executive's Community Safety Unit. Feedback from these officers suggest that the Dundee Initiative is held in high regard.

## **8.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

8.1 Copies of individual award applications/assessments are available at the Dundee Community Safety Base, Derwent Avenue, Kirkton, Dundee DD3 0BW Telephone 01382 436333.

8.2 Copies of the 2006-2007 Report to the Scottish Executive are available within the Councillors Lounge and will be accessible by the public on the Dundee Partnership website at [www.dundeepartnership.co.uk](http://www.dundeepartnership.co.uk).

## **9.0 CONSULTATION**

9.1 External

All award applications have been reported to the Dundee Community Safety Partnership and have been the subject of individual reports to Committee for decision.

9.2 Internal

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Co-ordinator, Children's Services Strategic Planning have been consulted on the content of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 The following paper was relied upon in the preparation of this report:

Local Action Fund: Youth Activities Evaluation and Monitoring Report to the Scottish Executive Period 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2007.

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**Date:**

**Signed: Inspector Mark Duncan, Co-Chairperson**  
**Tayside Police**

**Date:**

**LOCAL ACTION FUND 2006-2007  
3 YEAR SUMMARY COMPARISON****DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Sessions Offered</b>	<b>Hours of Activity</b>	<b>No's of Staff/ Volunteers</b>
2006/07	£188,908	17286	1175	2864	184
2005/06	£161,679	5163	583	1522	144
2004/06	£83,598	437	194	377.5	55