

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 21 AUGUST 2006

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - LOCAL ACTION FUND;
YOUTH ACTIVITIES EVALUATION AND MONITORING REPORT 2004-2006

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REPORT NO: 445-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the 2004-2006 Monitoring and Evaluation Report to the Scottish Executive for the dispersement of the Local Action Fund; Youth Activities as per conditions of grant award.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Approve the report to the Scottish Executive (see appendix1).
- 2.2 Note the increase in scale of youth activities targeted under the Initiative (see appendix 2.1 to 2.3).
- 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 has been funded by external award from the Scottish Executive for the period 2004-2006. All awards have been approved by Committee. Extension of support has been agreed for the period 2006-2008.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The activities funded under the Initiative contribute to the sustainability of safe, secure communities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLCATIONS

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 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 outlined in appendix 2 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 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 the content/operation of provision.
- The positive reduction in youth annoyance calls to Police and levels of vandalism in areas where positive youth diversion strategies are in place.
- The quality of the provision of Stakeholder providers.

7.0 FUTURE PROVISION

- 7.1 The Committee will note the extension at funding under this initiative for 2006-2008 at a reduced rate.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 It is the intention of the Youth Sub Group to further involve young people via localised Focus Groups in the assessment of bid applications for the period 2007-2008.
- 7.5 Should the Scottish Executive offer continued support post 31 March 2008 this initiative will move to a full commissioning basis to further reflect community planning targeting of resources to areas of greatest effect.
- 7.6 The Dundee Community Safety Partnership is actively pressing the Scottish Executive to continue and expand this award post 31 March 2008. Successful visits to Dundee have been made by officers of the Executive's Community Safety Unit and we have included examples of local best practice on their national website.

8.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 Copies of the full report to the Scottish Executive together with individual award applications/evaluations will be placed on the Dundee Partnership Website at www.dundeepartnership.co.uk.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 External
All award applications have been reported to the Dundee Community Partnership and have been the subject to individual reports to Committee for decision.
- 9.2 Internal
The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive's (Support Services and Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Co-ordinator, Children's Services Strategic Planning have been consulted on the content of this report.

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 Scottish Executive - Period 1 April 2004-31 March 2006.

Signed: Tony Boffey - Co-Chairperson
Head of Community Learning & Development
Leisure and Communities Department

Date: 11 August 2006

Signed: Inspector Mark Duncan - Co-Chairperson
Tayside Police

Date: 11 August 2006

**LOCAL ACTION FUND 2004-06
MONITORING TEMPLATE
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:
YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM
MAY 2006**

Please refer to the accompanying guidance before completing this template. Any questions should be directed to Helen Fearon on 0131 244 5912 or at Helen.Fearon@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

The template is based on the criteria and objectives set out in the 19 March 2004 letter on ASB and youth justice resources from the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Education and Young People. Please provide evidence to support your statements where appropriate.

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Spending your allocation

Please insert your total allocation for 2004-05 and 2005-06 here:

2004-05	£ 206K
2005-06	£ 200K
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Total	£ 406K

Did you spend this amount in full?

No. This amount was underspent by £15,672 over the two years.

If not, can you provide an explanation below, including when you underspent – e.g. 2004-05 or 2005-06 or both years, the amount you underspent in total over the 2 years, what led to this (i.e. problems with project set up – please be specific) and what steps you will take to avoid this in 2006-08.

2004 - 05 Underspend was £78,179 due to project commencing part way through the financial year and difficulty in recruitment of staff for some individual projects. This sum was carried forward into 2005-06.

2005 - 06 Underspend of £15,672 due to long term sickness of manager in one individual project and difficulty recruiting staff in another. This has been carried forward into 2006-07.

2006 - 07 Devolved allocation of budget to Youth Sub Groups of Local Community Learning and Development Partnerships has resulted in only £746 not yet allocated for 2006-07. In addition, individual projects awarded more than £6,000 will be asked to submit a mid term financial update to identify potential underspends early. These can, if necessary, be reallocated in time to be used within the financial year.

Consultation

How did you consult communities about the use of the Local Action Fund?

All stakeholders have completed consultation with targeted participants.

- *All members of Dundee Community Safety Partnership were notified of Award availability.*
- *Public Press adverts were placed locally.*
- *Information and guidance sessions for participants were organised.*
- *All MP's/MSP's notified of award availability.*

How did you consult young people about the use of the Local Action Fund?

- *See above re stakeholder consultation.*
- *Notification of Award posted on Dialogue Youth Dundee Portal Pages website.*

How did you consult those communities and young people who are more difficult to engage with community safety/ planning?

Via youth work and other colleagues who already engage with these groups and who were working with them to submit applications.

Were there any barriers to this and how did you overcome them?

No.

Please provide details of success with your success measures.

Increased access to Local Action Fund diversionary activity by young people. This is measured by numbers attending and hours of activity offered. See Year 2 Activity Summary, Appendix 3.

Communication

How did you raise awareness of the Local Action Fund locally?

Advertising in local press and information targeted to elected members, community groups, staff from both local authority and voluntary sector projects. Information also posted on Council website, Dundee Community Safety Partnership website and Dialogue Youth - Dundee Portal Pages.

How have you promoted the services that that the Fund has set up/ supported to young people?

Information on Dialogue Youth - Dundee Portal Pages via youth workers and others who work with young people. Community Safety Wardens also alerted young people to activity availability as did Police colleagues.

How have you promoted the services that that the Fund has set up/ supported to communities?

Via Local Community Plan structures, Youth Work Providers Groups etc. Information available at local events and passed on by Wardens and other staff.

How did you use local intelligence/ data to target areas where there were particular gaps in diversionary activities or where antisocial behaviour by young people was a concern?

Community Intelligence Unit (Police) data was used as was feedback from local communities and young people themselves.

How did you integrate the Local Action Fund to your local community planning process and children's services planning?

Use of Local Action Fund was tied very closely to Local Community Plan and Community Safety Action Plan Themes. An assessment grid, matching themes was prepared and grant applications from each area had to meet these matched themes. Copy attached (Appendices 6, 5, 8).

Children's Services planning issues, where relevant would appear within Local Community Plan and be picked up within the theme match.

Assessment and recommendations on applications was devolved to the local Youth Work Providers Group of the Community Learning and Development Partnership in Year 2 to ensure all approved applications were fully integrated into the planned responses to locally identified need.

Monitoring local capacity to meet the Local Action Fund criteria			
Indicator	How have you done this?	Evidence to support this	Outcome
Allocation of funding has favoured small, local community based projects	<i>Projects have been targeted to local areas to meet Local Community Plan and Dundee Community Safety Partnership identified issues.</i>	<i>Project allocation reports and Project reports on completion of project.</i>	<i>Funding has targeted Anti Social Behaviour and local communities have identified improvements in their respective areas.</i>
Some innovative and experimental projects have been supported	<i>Projects identified by partners to tackle Motor crime and use Peer Education Model.</i>	<i>Project reports.</i>	<i>Young people at risk of offending have not re-offended.</i>
Community Safety Partnerships have administered the grant at local level	<i>By targeting issues within Local Community Plan's and in Year 2 devolving to Local Youth Work Providers Groups to recommend approvals.</i>	<i>Committee reports.</i>	<i>Recommendations for approval were made locally to ensure best fit with Local Community Plan.</i>
Decisions on which services, facilities and activities to support have been taken in consultation with key local stakeholders, including young people. MSPs and others have been offered information and the chance to feed in views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Via Local Community Plan structures and Youth Worker consultation with young people.</i> ➤ <i>Information on Local Action Fund targeted to all elected members and some have taken the opportunity to follow this up.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Committee reports.</i> ➤ <i>Young People local consultation on need with youth work staff.</i> ➤ <i>Correspondence available to demonstrate this.</i> 	<i>Local stakeholders and young people together with elected members have engaged with the process.</i>
Services, facilities and activities were well planned, taking account of these criteria, local needs and priorities and were located within a coherent inter-agency approach including sign-off from the Children's Services planning structure	<i>As previously explained via Local Community Plan/Dundee Community Safety Partnership planning process.</i>	<i>Application information and guidance issued. Committee reports. Correspondence. Central Intelligence Unit and other data re hotspots and issues.</i>	<i>Local Action Fund provided diversionary activity and resulted in fewer youth causing annoyance calls and less vandalism.</i>
Projects supported through the	<i>Regular reporting to Dundee</i>	<i>Dundee Community Safety</i>	<i>Dundee Community Safety</i>

Monitoring local capacity to meet the Local Action Fund criteria			
Indicator	How have you done this?	Evidence to support this	Outcome
Fund provided information on the use of that money to the Community Safety Partnership.	<i>Community Safety Partnership and presentation by some of the projects on work undertaken and results of this to Dundee Community Safety Partnership.</i>	<i>Partnership minutes and reports including financial data. Presentation material from projects.</i>	<i>Partnership are aware of the impact of Local Action Fund monies and how this has created diversionary activities resulting in safer communities.</i>

Monitoring local capacity to meet the Local Action Fund objectives			
Objectives	How have you done this?	Evidence to Support this	Outcome
Increased the number of services and facilities available which provide constructive and relevant activities for young people	<i>By ensuring criteria stipulates activities must be ADDITIONAL and that they are targeted to evenings after 20.00 hours and weekends.</i>	<i>Application information and guidance. Approvals reports and projects reports.</i>	<i>Numbers of facilities and services have increased.</i>
An increased number of young people accessed these facilities	<i>By specifying that numbers of young people are targeted within application criteria and monitoring of project reports.</i>	<i>Project reports.</i>	<i>Numbers of young people accessing facilities has increased significantly over the 2 years. See attached data re figures in Year 1 and Year 2 summaries (Appendices 3 & 4).</i>
Young people have sustained interest and involvement in the activities provided	<i>Provided interesting projects that young people feel ownership of and also ensured access to quality information and services for young people.</i>	<i>Project reports.</i>	<i>Young people continue to attend many of the projects which are ongoing.</i>
Reduction in youth related calls to the police in areas where new facilities are located	<i>By targeting diversionary activities to areas of concern and liaising with Police and Wardens level of calls related to young people.</i>	<i>Police stats. Warden stats. Project reports.</i>	<i>Youth causing annoyance and other youth related calls have reduced significantly and in one area have even been recorded as zero on activity nights.</i>
Reduction in community perceptions/concerns about youth crime	<i>As above.</i>	<i>TL Dempster Survey. Blake Stevenson Warden Report ref Warden areas.</i>	<i>Communities generally feel safer in relation to youth crime.</i>
Increased satisfaction of young people	<i>Provided activities to meet needs of young people.</i>	<i>Project reports - evaluation by young people.</i>	<i>Young people satisfied with activities and feel safer themselves.</i>

Please use this section to include any other information about the Local Action Fund in your area that you think may be useful or of interest – e.g. if you undertook any local evaluation, specific examples of good practice relating to consultation, communications etc., evidence of reduction in calls to police about young people, details of award winning projects.

1. *BIKE IT*

This project works with groups of young people to address offending behaviour using BMX bikes as a medium. The project worker has drafted a manual for use by others working with young people and wishing to use this approach. A final version will be available shortly.

2. *HMIe Report Community Learning and Development in Dundee - Kirkton and Ardler dated 12 April 2005 highlights as good practice in personal development with young people, the following projects funded by the Local Action Fund in Dundee:*

- *Football Drop-In Sessions at the DISC (Dundee International Sports Centre)*
- *Natural Connections - accredited awards*
- *The Shore "provided a dynamic youth venue for 11-18 year olds. It offered alternatives to exclusion and risk-taking behaviours through an exciting and diverse programme".*

The report also highlights "Youth Work staff worked effectively to ensure that young people's views were considered in local community plans..." As previously indicated, allocation of funds is linked very closely to Local Community Plans.

3. *Reduction in calls to police about young people is highlighted generally in statistics but specifically in relation to the following projects:*

- *Monymusk Graffiti Art Project where youth calls for the area dropped by 50% during activity times.*
- *WEB Inter Agency and DISC Target Project offering football, dance and youth information resulted in zero calls to Police from the area on activity nights.*

4. *Statistics from Tayside Police indicate that for the Fiscal Year (01 April - 31 March) youth causing annoyance calls dropped in Police Section 4 by 197 and Police Section 5 by 189 from 2004/05 to 2005/06. Most projects which were funded by the Local Action Fund operated within Sections 4 and 5. This represented a reduction of 386 calls.*

5. *Figures from the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration indicate that over the two year period persistent offender numbers dropped from 109 to 80. Dundee also bucked the national trend with a drop of 27% in young offenders appearing before*

the authorities. Provision of diversionary activity is one of the factors contributing to this success.

6. *Cost of vandalism to the Council has dropped in the last 2 years from over £1 million to £462,000. Provision of diversionary activity is one of the factors contributing to this success.*
7. *The Violence Reduction Unit at the Scottish Executive (Andy McKay) has requested information from Dundee on diversionary activity and information on the operation of Local Action Fund in Dundee has been submitted for possible inclusion in the good practice section of the new Scottish Executive Community Safety Partnership website.*

LOCAL ACTION FUND 2004-2006 SUMMER ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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Ref No	Project	Grant Awarded	Participation - number of young people accessing the project (indicate time period e.g. per session or per week or per month)						Notes
			Participants			Sessions Offered	Hours of Activity	No's of Staff/ Volunteers	
			M*	F*	T*				
Committee Report 288-2005									
CSG (Y) 1/05	Summer in Douglas	£8,642			271	25	74	16	
CSG (Y) 2/05	WEB Project	£2,986	49	32	81	11	31.25	7	
CSG (Y) 3/05	Grey Lodge Settlement	£920			15	12	24	3	
CSG (Y) 5/05	Leisure & Arts Sports Development	£5,911			95	72	104	12	
Committee Report 347-2005									
CSG (Y) 6/05	Central Youth Team	£1,765	42	21	63	20	120	4	
CSG (Y) 7/05	Whitfield Activity Complex	£2,500	22	26	49	18	36	11	
CSG (Y) 8/05	TWA Semis Youth Project	£1,820			20	7	12	8	
TOTAL		£24,544	113	79	594	165	401.25	61	

NOTE: * Male and female participant totals do not equal the total number of participants as not all projects were in a position to record males and females separately.

LOCAL ACTION FUND YEAR 1

PARTICIPANT / ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Project	Participants			Sessions Offered	Hours of Activity	No's of Staff/Volunteers	Grant Awarded	Notes
	M	F	T					
N2 Sports (Football/Youth info)	65	20	85	13	26	4	£3618	Provided significant contact for young people using sport as a focus and giving a valuable opportunity to provide quality youth information.
Give Us A Brake Bike Project	5	1	6	12	24	3	£6476	Provided intensive support to young people to divert from motor related crime. Young people on course remained out of trouble for duration of course. Indications are that they remain so.
Web Highwayman / Youth Art Project	6	3	9	8	12	4	£1632	4 young people achieved 1st stage of Dynamic Youth Accreditation.
Street Football For All	120		120	12	45	3	£6501	Provided opportunity for young people to meet other young people from different areas using football as medium to break down territorial barriers.
The Shore	114	79	193	126	207	35	£44896	Provided opportunities for young people to experience different aspects of the music industry as a diversionary activity. This project is developing to include young people in the management and development of future activities.
Natural Connections	6	2	8	6	21	2	£3252	Young people working towards accreditation for work in environmental issues.
Youth Sports Development SIP 1 / 2							£15,117	Money carried forward to year 2. Difficulty experienced as specialist equipment had not arrived and

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	M	F	T					
								project therefore delayed to Year 2.
Bike - IT Project	16		16	17	42.5	4	£2106	Young people's diversionary project to build BMX bikes after which they were presented with the bike. Young people were identified as being at risk of involvement in ASB by Police.
Totals	332	105	437	194	377.5	55	£83,598	

LOCAL ACTION FUND 2004-2006 YEAR 2 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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Name of project / service	Description of project / service	Amount allocated	For what?	Participation - number of young people accessing the project (indicate time period e.g. per session or per week or per month)						Outcome
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Street Football for All. Dundee West and North West	Street football is played on a specially built portable pitch. The game, although played like football, differs through fair play and tolerance which are embedded in the ethos. Players are encouraged to negotiate their own rules.	£27,250	To provide staff to co-ordinate the activities which bring together groups from different areas of town, helping to reduce barriers and the gang culture.	1791		1791	11	33	6	It is hoped that this project can be sustained through the efforts of volunteers involved.
DISC Target Project	DISC is a LA run sports facility.	£6,678	Diversionsary football, dance, youth information.	75	20	95	49	122.5	10	This activity resulted in zero youth calls to Police on nights the activity took place.

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Motorbike Project. Kirkton and Menzieshill	Project targeting young people at risk of motor offending identified by Police and Youth Work staff.	£5,951	To provide motorcycle training leading to gaining licence and to address offending behaviour.	16		16	25	81	6	Indications to date are that offending behaviour has significantly improved and in several cases, ceased.
Natural Connections	Accredited outdoor learning programme encouraging young people to respect this environment.	£3,252	To provide staffing support.	5	4	9	11	38.5	2	
Discovery Junior Cycling Club	New groups established to offer healthy group diversionary activity for young people.	£3,263	To provide staffing and equipment support.	31	16	47	26	78	4	Young people encouraged to consider physical well being in a drug/substance free activity. Enhanced by coaching session with Chris Hoy, Olympic Champion.

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Sounds @ The Shore	The Shore is a city centre youth facility providing activity both in the city centre and on an outreach basis.	£50,000	To provide staffing and equipment support for media music based workshops for young people.			978	123	207	35	This project enables and empowers young people to use the skills learned to have their say either in terms of consultation or by making DVD's etc giving their view of things.
Tayside Fire & Rescue Service	Young firefighter courses targeted at raising awareness of consequences of motor crime and fire setting.	£500	To purchase scrapped cars.			140	60	180	6	A number of the places are targeted towards young people at risk of offending and identified by Police and F & R staff.
WEB Inter Agency Football	Football project based at DISC on Friday evenings.	£9,420	To provide football and youth information as diversionary activity.	124	3	127	24	96	16	This activity resulted in zero youth calls to Police on nights the activity took place.

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Tayside Police	Community Drugs Education Worker.	£8,000	To contribute to staffing to deliver drug/alcohol awareness sessions through schools and other youth work organisations.			1215	94	91	1	
Broughty Ferry Detached Project	Detached Youth Project.	£18,690	For staffing costs to provide a youth work presence on the streets to encourage young people to divert to diversionary activity and from ASB.			403	70	280	5	

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Monymusk Graffiti Art Project	Project to enable young people to improve a local underpass using graffiti art.	£8,764	To provide staffing and materials.			25	5	26	2	Youth calls to the Police for the area dropped by 50% during activity periods.
Bike It	Issue based project using cycles as a medium.	£8,643	To provide staffing and materials.	18		18	26	39	5	This project has provided a manual for use of others working in this field based on the successful Bike It model.
YAP Art Project Highwayman / WEB	Youth arts project offering Dynamic Youth Accreditation Awards. The project cleared a derelict area used for ASB and turned it into a well used play area for local young people with great art work.	£3,218	To provide staff support and materials.	138	65	203	34	125	3	This project included an international dimension and young people presented at a Global Youth Conference in Stirling. The park is now well used by local young people and appreciated by the community.

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Drop In and Dance	Dance based project allowing young people from across the city to work on ASB issues and come together to put on 2 public performances in the SPACE - Dundee's state of the art dance facility.	£8,050	To provide staff support and associated performance costs.	6	90	96	25	125	43	The public performances received great acclaim and gave a very high profile to ASB issues and how young people can respond and be viewed in an extremely positive light.
TOTALS		£161,679		2,204	198	5,163	583	1,522	144	

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