

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 19 November 2001

REPORT ON: SUCCESSFUL BID FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CHANGING CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND (NEW RESOURCES TO TACKLE DRUG MISUSE BY (OR AFFECTING) CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform members of the successful bid for additional resources and of the plans developed by the Social Work Department and partner agencies under the auspices of Dundee Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

2.1 Notes the successful bid made to the Changing Children's Services Fund.

2.2 Approves the outline plan for the use of these resources.

2.3 Remits to the Director of Social Work to negotiate agreements and outcomes for the payments in table 1 below

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Scottish Executive through the Changing Children's Services Fund will make the following payments to the Social Work Department to administer and monitor on behalf of DAAT over the next three years

| Year | £'000 |
|---------|-------|
| 2001/02 | 162 |
| 2002/03 | 245 |
| 2003/04 | 328 |

It is proposed that payments up to the amounts shown in the table below are made in 2001/02. These payments will be based on a contractual agreement with the organisation receiving the payment. Agreed outcomes will be monitored by the DAAT and future payments will depend on these outcomes being met.

| Table 1 - Proposed Payments | 2001/02 (£) | Proposal |
|---|---------------|--|
| Highwayman / Web Youth and Community Centre | 17,819 | Employment of a full time drug support worker |
| Kick It Kick Off | 25,220 | Part project funding. Full cost includes Full Time Co-ordinator, Sessional Youth Worker and Football Coaches |
| Total | 43,039 | |

The balance of £118,961 will be utilised to provide an Assessment and Intervention Service. A detailed committee report on this, including full financial details, will be brought forward at a later date as a provider has not yet been identified.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

This successful bid will deliver services which will promote access for children, young people and their families to the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable them to play a full part in society and will ensure that local needs are met locally.

The successful proposal adds value to existing services rather than duplicating or substituting for them. It is consistent with the objectives of Dundee's Youth Justice Strategy and Dundee Drugs and Alcohol Action Team.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the recommendations will enhance the Council's response to children affected by the problems associated with drug misuse, thereby promoting equal opportunities.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 In February 2001, The Scottish Executive informed local authorities and local Drugs and Alcohol Action Teams (DAATs) that specific amounts within the new Changing Children's Services Fund would be earmarked for tackling drug misuse by, or affecting, children and young people.

6.2 The Scottish Executive indicated an amount of money that it thought was appropriate for each local authority area and invited bids for this.

Dundee City Council Social Work Department, working in partnership with other agencies and departments, developed a joint proposal. The partner departments and agencies involved include:

- Education Department
- Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
- Tayside Primary Healthcare NHS Trust
- Dundee LHCC
- Dundee Committee for Child Protection
- Tayside Police
- Dundee Drugs Forum
- Dundee Drugs and AIDS Project/The Web Project
- The Highwayman Youth and Community Centre
- The Link Project
- Dundee Football Club
- Dundee College of Further Education

6.3 The planning partners developed a joint proposal of a Youth Substance Misuse Service, to be established with these funds. This will be a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary initiative overseen by the Dundee Drugs and Alcohol Action Team. It will have two main functions:

- a) to provide specialist diversionary programmes
- b) to provide an assessment, treatment and intervention service

6.4 Dundee City Council Social Work Department has been advised that the submitted proposal has been successful and an allocation of indicative funding for year 1 (2001/2) has been received. The commissioning, overview and evaluation of the service will be in the hands of the Dundee Drugs and Alcohol Action Team in the form of separate

commissioning and management groups. Dundee City Council Social Work Department will remain accountable as the budget holder.

A further report will be brought forward to seek committee approval for further developments under this fund.

The various parts of the whole package will be delivered by a number of departments and agencies working together.

Dundee Drugs and AIDS Project/The Web Project and the Highwayman Youth and Community Centre will, together, recruit a Drugs Support Worker to provide community based support.

The Education Department, together with Tayside Police, Dundee Football Club and Dundee College of Further Education, will provide the Kick It Kick Off diversionary programme centred on football coaching for both males and females.

The core assessment, treatment and intervention service, which will provide individual packages of care designed to meet individual needs, including appropriate medical and clinical supervision where appropriate, will be commissioned by the Dundee Drugs and Alcohol Action Team. Agencies, including voluntary organisations, have been advised of the proposal and a commissioning process is underway. A number of agencies have expressed initial interest in providing this service.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The initial proposal to the Scottish Executive was developed using a partnership approach involving a number of agencies and departments. Within the Council consultation has specifically taken place with the Director of Education, the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department, and the Director of Finance.

8.0 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..

9.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work

Date

9 November 2001