

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 20 FEBRUARY 2006
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2006

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDENS - MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITIES AND ASSISTANT CHIEF
EXECUTIVE (MANAGEMENT)

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to bring forward the recruitment of a Community Safety Warden Mobile Support Team from May 2007 to April 2006.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- 2.1 approves the implementation of a Mobile Support Team as described in Section 7.2 of this report.

It is recommended that the Personnel Committee:

- 2.2 approves the establishment of a fixed-term Mobile Support Team of six Wardens, grade GS2 (£13,554-£14,220), with effect from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding of £115,000 has been approved within the Scottish Executive - Antisocial Behaviour Order allocation to Dundee for 2006-2008 to appoint an additional Mobile Support Team from May 2007.
- 3.2 Costs to bring forward recruitment of the Mobile Support Team from April 2006 at £106,800 can be contained within an underspend from the current Community Safety Wardens budget. Approval to carry this forward has been given by the Scottish Executive.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Community Safety Wardens strive to reduce the effect of low level crime, anti social behaviour and vandalism in designated communities.
- 4.2 The introduction of a Mobile Support Team will allow intelligence led tasking to cover areas outwith those currently designated.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Within their work, the Community Safety Wardens seek to address the Council's Equality and Diversity indicators, specifically, Meeting Needs and Addressing Barriers.
- 5.2 The work of the Community Safety Wardens impacts upon all sectors of the community.

6.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 6.1 There are currently six geographic teams covering Hilltown/Bowbridge; Lochee West/ Camperdown; Douglas; Whitfield; Stobswell; Pitkerro; and one Support Team covering sickness and holiday absences. Each team comprises: one Senior and four Wardens.

6.2 Scottish Executive funding guidelines to April 2006 prevent Warden teams from patrolling outwith the designated areas which are based on electoral ward boundaries. Consent post April 2006 for a mobile team has been received from the Scottish Executive.

7.0 FUTURE POSITION

7.1 Current Warden areas will continue to receive Warden patrols until the national evaluation of geographical deployment is produced in the summer of 2006.

7.2 The introduction of a Mobile Support Team will allow flexibility of deployment of Wardens to other areas of the city based upon intelligence led tasking for specified periods.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 External

The formation of a Mobile Support Team has been discussed extensively and supported by Dundee Community Safety Partnership including representatives of local community safety groups.

8.2 Internal

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on the content of this Report.

Trade Unions have also been consulted on the content of this Report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 The following Background Papers were relied upon in the preparation of this Report:

- The Dundee Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2006-2008
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2005-2010
- Evaluation of the Community Safety Wardens Initiative - Interim Report
- Community Impact Assessment - Tayside Police

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Date: 10 February 2006

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