

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 9 June 2008

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Local Action Fund: Youth Activities Evaluation and Monitoring Report 2007-2008

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REPORT NO: 289-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval of the 2007-2008 Evaluation and Monitoring Report to the Scottish Government 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 Government.
- 2.2 note the increase in levels of participation in youth activities under the initiative (see Appendix 1).
- 2.3 note the extension of this funding initiative by the Scottish Government post 1 April 2008.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The initiative was funded by external award from the Scottish Executive for the period 2006-2008. All awards were approved by Committee. Extension of support has been agreed within the Single Outcomes Agreement for 2008-2009 awards.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The statistical analysis of provision for the period 2004 to 2008 outlined in Appendix 1 illustrates the increase in provision and numbers participating. The Scottish Government has requested the Evaluation & Monitoring Reports to cover the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008 in a prescribed format.
- 4.2 Report No 415-2008 was approved by the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee on 27 August 2007 and covered the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.
- 4.3 The report available under Paragraph 6.2 will be reduced to cover the period 2007-2008 only.
- 4.4 Stakeholder providers are required to target provision as addition to their core work and also to provide outwith routine time period ie after 20.00 hours weekdays and at weekends/holidays.
- 4.5 The full report highlights the following achievements:

- Increase in target 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.
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5.0 FUTURE PROVISION

- 5.1 During 2006-2008 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.
- 5.2 Articulation with Local Outcome Agreements targets identified under the Dundee Community Safety Strategic Assessment will be taken into consideration in the operation of the award from 1 April 2008. Interim arrangements have been put in place to sustain key activities to 30 June 2008.
- 5.3 The Scottish Government has provided continued support post 1 April 2008 under the Single Outcome Agreement. This initiative will move to a full commissioning basis to further reflect community planning targeting of resources to greatest effect. Preparatory work to register accredited quality providers of diversionary activities has been completed.
- 5.4 A further report will be presented to Committee outlining youth diversion issues and proposals for 2008-2009.

6.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 Copies of individual award applications/assessments are available at the Dundee Community Safety Base, Derwent Avenue, Kirkton, Dundee, DD3 0BW Telephone 01382 436333.
- 6.2 Copies of the 2006-2008 Report to the Scottish Government have been passed to each of the Group Leaders and Bailie Borthwick.
- 6.3 Public access to the above report will be made available on the Dundee Partnership website at www.dundeepartnership.co.uk.

7.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management
- 7.2 Post 1 April 2008 sustainment of diversionary activities will contribute to the following policy and strategic priorities;
- Outcomes 9/10/11 Single Outcome Agreement Scottish Government/Dundee City Council.
 - Leisure & Communities Department Service Plan 2007-2011 Community Safety Pages 47/48.
 - The Council Plan 2007-2011 Building Stronger Communities/Community Safety Pages 12/13.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 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.

8.2 Internal

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Co-ordinator Integrated Children's Services and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 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 2007 to 31 March 2008.

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**LOCAL ACTION FUND 2007-2008
4 YEAR SUMMARY COMPARISON**

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

Year	Amount Allocated	Participants			Sessions Offered	Hours of Activity	No's of Staff/ Volunteers
		M*	F*	T*			
2007/08	£197,156	15386	4952	22228	1806	4183.25	202
2006/07	£188,908	3928	1670	17286	1175	2864	184
2005/06	£161,679	2204	198	5163	583	1522	144
2004/05	£83,598	332	105	437	194	377.5	55

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.