

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 10 JANUARY 2005

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AWARD PROGRAMME 2005-2008

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 3-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for the submission of a 2005-2008 funding bid to the Scottish Executive for a 3 year rolling programme under criteria outlined in the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the 2003-2004 Annual Report of the Partnership including the Action Plan review.
- 2.2 approves the 2005-2010 Community Safety Strategy (see attached Appendix 1).
- 2.3 authorises the submission of a 3 year Funding Bid to the Scottish Executive by 31 January 2005 under the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme for 2005-2008.
- 2.4 notes the link of the Community Safety Partnership to the work of Dundee in Partnership – The Community Plan in Dundee 2005-2010.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Scottish Executive have indicated that the Community Safety Award Programme is likely to continue for a further 3 years with an indicative Award to the Community Safety Partnership of £138,275 per annum.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Safety Action Plans seek to promote the creation of a safer environment for all citizens of Dundee.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The various dimensions of the Council's Equality Schemes will continue to receive specific attention by the Partnership in discharging services.

6.0 CURRENT POSITION

6.1 The Annual Report 2003-2004 reports extensively on the work of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership to 30 March 2004.

- 6.2 The current Action Plan for the Partnership 2004-2005 was updated to 30 September 2004 and reported to Committee on 13 September 2004. A copy was provided to the Scottish Executive as per Grant Award conditions.
- 6.3 The progress on promoting and commissioning community safety activity during the period 2004-2005 continues with many Departments contributing to the priorities via mainstream services. Both Tayside Police and Tayside Fire Brigade have contributed to the targeted priorities. The Action Plan Reviews detail the progress made against the identified priorities of the Community Safety Strategy for the period 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 (to 30 September 2004).
- 6.4 Action Plans do contain references to voluntary sector partners who are represented on the Partnership. This representation is complemented at local level by the 9 bcal community plans approved in early Summer 2004, these plans have enabled local communities to prioritise local community safety issues and needs.
- 6.5 The award of external funding from the Scottish Executive for 3 years from 1 April 2002 has enabled progress to be made in strengthening and developing the membership of the Partnership to reflect the contribution of key voluntary organisations and local community safety groups operating within neighbourhoods throughout Dundee. These developments are reflected in the increase in training/seminar opportunities.

7.0 FUTURE POSITION

- 7.1 The main emphasis of the Partnership is to harness co-operation between partner organisations to meet the identified priorities outlined in the Community Plan for Dundee 2005-2010. The relevant priorities are identified within Appendix 1.
- 7.2 The 2005-2010 Partnership Action Plan sets out how the Dundee Community Safety Partnership will achieve these priorities (see Appendix 2). For Scottish Executive purposes the 2005-2008 Action Plan will require to be completed in detail for meet Award criteria and seek to contribute to tackling a maximum of 3 priorities or problems.
- 7.3 The Partnership wish to propose that funding from the Scottish Executive Community Safety Award 2005-2008 be prioritised into seeking solutions or commissioning activities which fall within the following key Partnership priorities for 2005-2008:
- Building and sustaining community capacity to participate in community safety activities.
 - Improving vulnerable individual/group personal safety.
 - Reducing crime and the fear of crime.

These priorities reflect more accurately the Scottish Executive regeneration priority of "building strong, safe and attractive communities" and articulate well with the Community Safety Partnership's overarching strategic objective "to create a City where crime is reducing and where people are safe and feel safe".

- 7.4 The Scottish Executive has been provided with a 6 month update on progress related to the 2004-2005 bid and will also receive a detailed progress report on the full year expenditure to 31 March 2005 in due course under Partnership Annual Report arrangements.

7.5 The Committee may wish to note the following current year progress highlights:

- Monitoring and evaluation of Partnership activities.
- Development of commissioned services to meet Partnership priorities.
- Successful Summer 2004 programmes of youth diversion activities.
- Underwriting target hardening of domestic property to reduce repeat intruder entry across the city.
- Employment of 2 community safety workers.
- Development of community safety warden initiatives.
- Improved Partnership publicity, communication and reports.
- Training/conference support for Partnership members.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 External

The Report content has been the subject of consultation with all partner organisations represented on Dundee Community Safety Partnership including representatives of local community safety groups.

8.2 Internal

The Chief Executive and all relevant Council Departments have been consulted on the content of this Report.

8.3 Copies of the relevant papers listed under Para 9.1 have been provided to all Group secretaries.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- Dundee Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report 2003-2004
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership – Action Plans 2003-2004 – Review

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Date: 17 December 2004

**COMMUNITY PLANNING – DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
COMMUNITY SAFETY THEME - STRATEGY PERIOD 2005-2010**

1.0 CONTENT

- 1.1 Dundee in Partnership: The Community Plan for Dundee 2005-2010 identifies Community Safety as a key theme and has remitted the co-ordination of activities supporting the strategic priorities within this theme, to the Dundee Community Safety Partnership, a constituted body composed of a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations who have in part the development of community safety services within their core remits.
- 1.2 A separate document has been produced reviewing the positive advances in mainstreaming community safety activities during the period 2004-2005. This document reports on partners work, progress against clear performance indicators and targets and clearly records the development and integration of community safety into the mainstream core work of partners.
- 1.3 In tackling an action plan for 2005-2010 the Partnership is conscious that advancing community planning of this nature presents some difficulties to smaller voluntary and community based organisations and their omission from specific work targeting is no reflection on their commitment to the Partnership or collaborative working.
- 1.4 The Partnership realises that community safety can be widely interpreted in its definition and has decided to narrow down strategic objectives for the 2005-2010 period into seven key areas supported by community based cross cutting issues across the wider community planning agenda. The Action Plans identify the key mainstreaming actions which the Partner organisations will commit to, they do not represent the totality of individual Partner organisations work within community safety.
- 1.5 The Partnership has also indicated its intentions to implement, where appropriate, relevant sections of the Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) [Act] 2004.
- 1.6 Seven Local Community Plans have been produced during 2004 covering the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2007 in line with national community planning guidelines. These plans will reflect specific localised geographic community safety action plans against the main strategic themes and will be regularly updated and monitored.

2.0 PRIMARY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Our overarching strategic objective is “to create a City where crime is reducing and where people are safe and feel safe”.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Partnership have identified 7 key priorities for work prioritisation matched by relevant performance indicators. They are:

3.1.1 Tackling Substance and Alcohol Misuse

Substance misuse is a major concern throughout Scotland and has a direct correlation with the incidence of certain crimes. The local strategy, co-ordinated via the Dundee Drug and Alcohol Action Team’s Corporate Action Plan underpins the national strategy by adopting the key principles of inclusion, partnerships, understanding and accountability and these are reflected in the operational priorities of the plan.

Within these priorities, the Team will work collaboratively and encourage partnership working and accountability to individuals, communities and funding bodies; develop effectiveness in consultation, information and involvement in drug education; and enter into direct partnership with the widest possible range of interested groups in tackling substance misuse and developing initiatives.

Priorities for Action:

- Reduce the acceptability and availability of drugs
- Address the health risks related to the misuse of substances
- Reduce the damage caused to communities by substance misuse related crime and increase their protection from such crime
- Improve community and education based substance misuse education and prevention.

3.1.2 Improving Road Safety with Special Emphasis on Young People

A wide range of provision exists to aid information, education and the prevention of road accidents. This will continue but will be strengthened by the actions set out below.

Priorities for Action:

- Undertake proactive education and policing to ensure traffic safety at school entrance/exit points
- Implement road safety measures at accident cluster sites in our communities.
- Promote safe cycle/walking routes to school.
- Provide a high profile and ongoing focus on speeding within built-up areas.
- Develop initiatives to improve road safety with young people.

3.1.3 Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime

This section is closely inter-related with the section entitled ' Building and Sustaining Community Capacity to Participate in Community Safety Activities', in that the reduction of crime and the fear of crime has a direct effect on our Communities' willingness to participate in Community Safety activities, to grow in confidence and to remain active in the task of making their areas safe and attractive for everyone.

As indicated earlier, levels of reported crime in the City continue to drop, with the exception of certain categories of offences.

The increased use of technology – for example, CCTV and DNA – continue to help enforcement agencies to improve detection rates and this, together with intelligence-gathering and community-focused policing, is proving reliable in helping to reduce opportunities for crime.

Priorities for Action:

- Investigate options to improve/extend CCTV coverage and effectiveness
- React speedily to community hotspots by focused community policing
- Identify and target key crime areas by high-profile intervention campaigns/initiatives
- Improve building facilities and design in order to reduce opportunities for crime
- Maintain support for information exchange networks to reduce anti-social behaviour, including Pub Watch and Retailer Anti-Fraud networks eg City Centre Safety Initiative

- Using all available information and intelligence identify targets and areas to make best use of mobile CCTV, Community Safety Wardens and anti-social behaviour initiatives.

3.1.4 **Building and Sustaining Community Capacity to Participate in Community Safety Activities**

The Annual Consumer Survey carried out on behalf of Dundee City Council continues to indicate a rise in confidence and reduction in the fear of crime in areas covered by the CCTV networks. It is recognised, however, that the level of actual crime within an area is only one element in the overall perception of a community's fear of crime.

It is important to continue to emphasise positively to communities that crime levels are dropping and that there is a commitment to undertake proactive measures which directly influence the fear of crime.

These measures are:

- Support for and involvement of local communities in community safety priorities and problems.
- Support for the victims of crime.
- Target-hardening to design out or reduce vulnerability to crime.
- Community-orientated policing.
- The involvement of key agencies in collaborative development of community safety strategies and action plans.
- Proactive community safety project development eg community wardens.
- Sustaining specialist forum support to tackle domestic abuse and racial harassment and improve public protection.
- Reduce deaths and injuries caused by fire.
- A multi-agency approach to tackling youth offending/diversion.
- Proactive anti-social behaviour strategies.

Priorities for Action:

- Enhance the support for local community safety groups.
- Target areas of high community concern through focused community planning.
- Utilise CCTV systems to aid community reassurance.
- Improve support for the roles of specialist forums.
- Undertake target-hardening where the incidence of crime is higher than average.
- Provide support to the development of local community plans and priorities.
- Contribute to the construction of local community safety area profiles.
- Implement local anti-social behaviour strategies.
- Target community safety warden area initiatives.

3.1.5 **Improving Vulnerable Individual/Group Personal Safety**

It is well documented that many crimes and a lack of community safety impacts more on specific groups and individuals in society eg young people generally, single males in the age group 15-24, those on low incomes and living in deprived areas.

Unreported crime figures cannot be quantified but there is no doubt that on many occasions children and women are the recipients of violence and abuse which are not reported. Other vulnerable groups such as the disabled, young children or the elderly are more likely to be injured at home.

Priorities for Action:

- Encourage the delivery of co-ordinated services and educational programmes for our Young People promoting a safety content.
- Promote Rape and Sexual Abuse Services.
- Develop Domestic Violence support services.
- Enhance victim of crime services eg Victim Support, VOYCE.
- Encourage the promotion of co-ordinated safety services for the elderly.
- Target effective responses to racist and hate crimes, attitudes and behaviour.

3.1.6 Promoting Fire Safety and Awareness

Tayside Fire Brigade have identified the necessity to encourage fire safety education and awareness to reduce fire statistics. The use of preventative and positive fire safety education target ed at key groups is seen as an effective future strategy.

Priorities for Action

- Promote fire safety in the home.
- Advice on the correct installation and use smoke alarms.
- Encourage the safe storage of wheelie bins.
- Increase opportunities for working with challenging young people.
- Use fire stations where possible for linked fire education purposes.
- Proactively offer advice on the safe use of fireworks/bonfires.
- Offer positive activity programmes to reduce joy riding in vehicles.

3.1.7 Reducing Anti-social Behaviour (especially Youth after 20.00 hours daily and at weekends)

These initiatives recognise that over 97% of young people are not involved in this type of activity and are often the victims of the 3% who are involved.

Providing diversion sport, arts and youth work opportunities which offers choice and diversity are crucial in helping to avert peer pressure to commit petty crime, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour acts.

Priorities for Action:

- Encourage more youth orientated activity provision outwith the period 16.00 hours to 20.00 hours and at weekends/holidays.
- Provide greater access to relevant youth information and counseling services.
- Promote youth mediation opportunities to resolve local community disputes.
- Engage young people in community planning of services.
- Promote inclusion.

4.0 CROSS CUTTING ISSUES: DUNDEE IN PARTNERSHIP

4.1 Inevitably, the integration of a number of community planning themes raises the need to prioritise and to identify common issues across themes.

4.2 The Dundee Community Planning Partnership experience reinforces the above and the Community Safety priorities contribute positively to the identified community planning themes.

4.3 It is not difficult to see the relevance of cross cutting issues to the work of the Dundee Community Partnership and the Community Safety Partnership and a maximum of 3 of our priorities will gain specific attention in the allocation of commissioning monies provided as part of the Community Safety Award Funding from the Scottish Executive. We will continue to attempt to match our resources into local community plan priorities throughout this period.

5.0 LIAISON

5.1 The Dundee Community Safety Partnership acknowledges the need to work closely with other key planning groups such as NHS Tayside, Dundee Drugs & Alcohol Action Team, the Children's Services Strategic Planning Group, CCTV Management Group and Dundee Children & Young Persons Protection Committee. We acknowledge the significant contribution made by these bodies to specific areas of community safety planning and co-ordination and as policy do not intend to duplicate co-ordination functions within this Strategy and Action Plan.

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DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

THEME: COMMUNITY SAFETY						
PRIORITY: CSI EFFICIENT OPERATION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP						
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Ref No	Key Issue/Identified Need	Baseline Indicator	What will happen?	What results will be achieved	By When?	Update on Progress Column 4
CSI 1	Assess and respond to Partnership training needs.	Policy Paper agreed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership training will be developed. Sub Group on training will develop programme and evaluate. SVQ training identified and offered locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key partner reps receive training. Greater Partnership understanding and co-operation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing 2005 	<p>Communities/Social Work Departments</p> <p>Training Sub Group</p>
CSI 2	Improve use of Management Community Safety Data/Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse data No common reporting format ASB Audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of Annual Report Better data evaluation and access. Audit commissioned 2004-2005. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistical analysis more accurate. Improved monitoring/evaluation of trends, patterns. Improved staff access for data analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Monitoring & Evaluation Group 2004. (Comparisons 2005-2006) April 2005 	<p>Monitoring & Evaluation Group (Comparisons 2005-2006).</p> <p>Dundee City Council/Police.</p>
CSI 3	Improve operational synergy with DAAT and Dundee Children & Young Persons Protection Committee (CYPPC)	Group links directly through DAAT Lead Officer and through agency membership of DAAT and support groups. Partnership Agreement produced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement partnership agreement. DAAT Lead Officer attends Community Safety (Executive) Joint planning and funding discussions. CYPPC Co- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved synergy which will improve crime reduction outcomes, provide better quality information to communities and develop joint initiatives. Reduction in funding overlaps enabling greater targeting of resources to meet the needs of drug 	2005	DAAT/Community Safety Partnership/ Children & Young Persons Protection Committee Chairpersons/Lead Officers

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			ordinator to link to Partnership.	and alcohol users and will improve sustainability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of key action plan against priority themes. Shared identified development initiatives in key areas such as Sexual Exploitation (3.1.5) and C & YP affected by substance misuse (3.1.1). 		
CSI 4	CCTV Co-ordination	Still no overall systems uniformity	Consultants report delayed 2002-2003.	Best Value re future co-ordination to improve sustainability and reduce costs.	Completed by January 2005	Police/Dundee City Council Dundee City Council
CSI 5	Support for Voluntary Sector Community Safety Network	4 meetings per year supported by DVA	Ongoing support and funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and involvement of voluntary sector partners in decision making and service provision. Improved communication to communities on network/partnership activities. 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundee Voluntary Action By rota from Dundee City Council/Community Safety Unit Secretariat
CSI 6	Maintain Community Safety progress of theme within Community Planning management	Good representation at key levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Dundee Partnership Management Group Reports (4 per year). Copy minute distribution. Production of e-mail briefings. Inclusion within 2005-2006 revised plan. 	<p>High Profile</p> <p>Better communication</p> <p>Good dispersal of information to all levels within partner organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing 2005 	<p>Police/Dundee City Council</p> <p>Community Safety Partnership/Dundee City Council</p>

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CSI 7	Funding Sustainability	Several Community Safety areas receive no funding sustainability.	Award funding to 31 March 2008	Requirement for sustained Scottish Executive to Community Safety Partnership	Post 31 March 2005	Scottish Executive/ Scottish Local Authority Community Safety Group
CSI 8	Overview of key funding initiatives	Community Safety Wardens. Local Action Fund	Deployment of teams Consent/evaluation of commissioned services	Local Outcome Agreement standards Youth Diversion commissioned services	2005-2006 2005-2006	Community Safety Unit Community Safety Unit