

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 13 August 2007

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report 2006-2007

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To note the 2006-2007 Dundee Community Safety Partnership 2006 Annual Report and the Evaluation of Community Safety Award Targeted Initiatives.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the 2006-2007 Action Plan Evaluation as summarised in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 notes the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Scottish Executive has approved the Community Safety Award Programme funding for 2005-2008 at £138,275 per annum subject to ongoing annual review of outcomes (see also Section 8.0).

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Sustainability
None.
- 4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment
None required.
- 4.3 Anti-Poverty
None.

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 2006-2007 outlines extensively the work of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership to 31 March 2007 (see section 7.2 of the Annual Report).

- 6.2 The current 2005-2010 Partnership Strategy has been approved by the Partnership and the Scottish Executive as per grant award conditions. The current strategy will be the subject of review in 2007-2008 by key Dundee Partnership partners.
- 6.3 The progress on promoting and commissioning community safety activities continues with many Departments contributing to the priorities via mainstream services. Both Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue continue to contribute to the targeted priorities. The 2006-2007 Action Plan Reviews detail the progress made against the identified priorities of the Community Safety Strategy for the reporting period (see section 5 of the Annual Report recording the overall achievement rate of 92%).
- 6.4 The Action Plans contain references to voluntary sector partners who are represented on the Partnership. This representation is complemented at local level by the nine local community plans approved in early summer 2004 and reviewed annually. These plans have enabled local communities to prioritise local community safety issues and needs and there is a close correlation to the Partnership's strategic priorities. The local Community Plans and Community Learning Plans are subject to full review in 2007.
- 6.5 It is difficult to adequately reflect the high achievement success of the wide range of partners contributing to the 2006-2007 review. The following highlights help to illustrate the range and diversity of successful initiatives;
- Police targeting of drug dealing and supply.
 - Increase in drug/health awareness preventative education
 - Introduction of community reparation orders as a court disposal option.
 - Reduction in child related serious/fatal road safety statistics.
 - Increase in local community safety group community safety activities.
 - Increase in white lighting coverage.
 - Reduction in vandalism and cost of crime to Council properties.
 - Successful Centresafe Initiative targeting weekend city centre violence/alcohol abuse.
 - High public satisfaction rates for community safety warden operations 365 day coverage.
 - Proactive Fire and Rescue community based fire safety education.
 - Successful implementation of antisocial behaviour strategy and achievement of local outcome agreement standards.
 - Introduction of mobile community safety warden deployment.
 - Targeting of fire risk caused by waste disposal build up within tenement properties.
- 6.6 The award of external funding from the Scottish Executive for three years to 31 March 2008 has enabled progress to be made in strengthening and developing the membership of the Partnership to focus on targeted initiatives by joint working between statutory and voluntary organisations and local community groups.

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 the current agreed strategy but will be subject to detailed review and consultation in 2007.
- 7.2 The 2005-2010 Community Plan sets out the corporate action targets and the Dundee Community Safety Partnership existing Strategy outlines the Partnerships' existing key priorities.
- 7.3 To qualify for Scottish Executive Community Safety Award Funding for 2005-2008 the Partnership was required to identify a maximum of three focussed initiatives identified within their key thematic objectives. These key initiatives were approved by

Committee on 10 January 2005.

7.4 On 1 April 2005, the Scottish Executive approved the Council's application subject to satisfactory annual reporting against agreed outcome targets. The key funded areas are as follows:

7.4.1 Reduce the level of Antisocial Behaviour and Housebreaking within key targeted electoral ward areas

- Continue to take action to reduce housebreaking levels to domestic property by intelligence led proactive target hardening of main doors and windows and post intruder target hardening to avoid repeat intruder entry. Supply and fit domestic 5 year sealed smoke detectors if none exist.
- This service is outsourced to the Claverhouse Group where it forms part of work based training opportunities for young people.
- Special priority is offered to ethnic minorities, the vulnerable elderly and victims of domestic violence.
- The initiative is supplemented by additional resources allocated under the Community Regeneration Fund for 2005-2008.
- The target number of houses is 200 per year.
- The range of antisocial behaviour and crime targeting will be addressed by a variety of focussed police, community safety warden and local community safety group support.

7.4.2 Maintain the sustainability of community capacity to engage in community safety activities

- The Partnership has consistently advocated that supporting local community safety groups with technical assistance and small administrative grants lies at the centre of successful local community participation in community safety activities.
- This approach lies comfortably with the Dundee Partnership's commitment to Local Community Plan support. The Executive have accepted this initiative but requested we prioritise such support to Community Safety Warden designated areas and secondly to designated Community Regeneration areas.
- This remit will also extend generic support to the Dundee Community Safety Partnership strategic priorities.

7.4.3 Improve vulnerable individual/group/community safety support within key targeted electoral ward areas

- The final targeted area is to develop website, tutorial materials and support training on personal safety for vulnerable individuals/groups ie senior citizens, women, young people and minorities. The targeted work for senior citizens and young people has been completed.
- This initiative will see us commission key partner organisations to investigate, assess and develop these services to be made available to individuals electronically and to tutored groups if appropriate.

7.5 A report on the success and progress achieved under the above initiatives is outlined in Section 5 of the Partnership Annual Report. The report follows the Scottish Executive approved format/template as an external financial award condition.

The following significant highlights illustrate successful outcomes:

- Local based community safety groups/forums exist in 80% of targeted areas.
- Community Safety Workers responded to 100% of specialist enquiries.
- Partnership working enhanced by secondments of personnel from partner organisations.
- Completion of senior citizens resource information calendar
- Successful outcomes on domestic target hardening initiative
- Increase in completion of local community plan objectives.

8.0 FUNDING 2007-2008

- 8.1 Further to a meeting with Scottish Executive Community Safety technical advisers the Co-Chairpersons of the Partnership together with the Divisional Commander Tayside Police presented a bid for consents to utilise accrued underspending arising from the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Community Safety Award to engage further financial resources to extend the successful inter agency Centresafe Initiative in Dundee to 31 March 2008
- 8.2 The above initiative targets a range of antisocial behaviour issues linked to violence reduction/alcohol misuse within the City Centre over weekends.
- 8.3 In addition to the above, consent for resource deployment has been secured to help address problems related to Antisocial use of motorbikes within housing estates north of the Kingsway.
- 8.4 The Scottish Executive has also confirmed the Year (3) Finance Allocation of the Community Safety Award as per Paragraph 3.1 and has noted the excellent partnership working and progress across antisocial outcome strategies overseen by the Dundee Community Safety Partnership.
- 8.5 The Committee will wish to note that all Community Safety Award and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy financial assistance from the Scottish Executive is scheduled up to 31 March 2008 with no declared further financial commitment until the results of the spending review towards the end of 2007.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 **External**
The reports have been the subject of consultation with the all Partner organisations represented on Dundee Community Safety Partnership, including representatives of local community safety groups.
- 9.2 **Internal**
The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.
- 9.3 A copy of the Annual Report 2006-2007 has been placed in the Councillors' Lounge and will be included on the Dundee Partnership website at www.dundeepartnership.co.uk.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were relied upon in the preparation of this Report:

- Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report 2006-2007.
- Application for Scottish Executive Support Funding 2005-2008 - From Establishing Partnerships to Solving Problems

- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2005-2010 and Action Plan 2006-2007.
- Dundee Partnership Community Plan 2005-2010.
- Dundee Community Safety Award 2005-2008 Year 2 Report to the Scottish Executive.

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**REPORTING ON DUNDEE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN PERFORMANCE
AGAINST TARGETS PERIOD 1 APRIL 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2007**

(1) Theme Reference	(2) Description of Theme	(3) Targets Part/All Achieved		(4) Targets Not Yet Achieved		(5) Targets Not Assessed		(6) Notes
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
CSA	Tackling Substance & Alcohol Misuse	17	8.5	0	0	0	0	
CSB	Improving Road Safety with Special Emphasis on Young People	17	8.5	0	0	2	1.0	
CSC	Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime	26	13.0	2	1.0	2	1.0	
CSD	Building and Sustaining the Community's Capacity to Participate in Community Safety Activities	26	13.0	0	0	0	0	
CSE	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour (especially youth after 20.00 hours daily and over weekends)	34	17.0	2	1.0	0	0	
CSF	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour (especially youth after 20.00 hours daily and over weekends) Continued	28	14.0	2	1.0	3	1.5	
CSG	Improving Vulnerable Individual/Group Personal Safety	10	5.0	2	1.0	3	1.5	
CSH	Promoting Fire Safety and Awareness	6	3.0	0	0	0	0	
CSI	Community Safety Partnership Action Plan	20	10.0	2	1.0	0	0	
*Percentages based on total of 200 targets		184	*92.0	9	*4.5	7	*3.5	

Notes

- 1 Target and % numbers are based on a total of individual theme actions listed against each numerical theme eg a single action involving more than 1 action is only counted once. This action does not skew overall results as within multiple action references they are usually achieved or not achieved as a group.
- 2 Targets which are not able to be assessed at the evaluation/monitoring review date 31 April 2007 are tabulated under Col 5 due either to the delay in accessing final annual data result or the data being inclusive or not able to support an assessment decision.
- 3 Whilst every effort is being encouraged to specify SMART style outcome targeting at planning stages not all outcomes suit quantitative measure and can be open to subjective assessment.
- 4 Development of improved planning outcome specification is ongoing and a high priority for continued training support from the Training Sub Group of the Partnership during 2007-2008.