

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**REPORT ON: REDUCTION OF ON-STREET PROSTITUTION - SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO WOMEN - DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL AND ACTION FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN'S RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE CENTRE**

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**REPORT NO: 400-2009**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain approval for Service Level Agreements between Dundee City Council and Action for Children and Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (WRASAC).

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 remits the Director of Leisure and Communities to enter Service Level Agreements between Dundee City Council and Action for Children and Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre.

2.2 authorises the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to execute Protocols for the exchange of data with other members of the inter-agency group involved with the project as is necessary in order for Dundee City Council to meet its obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Service Level Agreements are intended to run for the period to 30 June 2010. The total cost of the Service Level Agreements is £82,961 broken down as follows: Action for Children - £52,335 and WRASAC - £30,626. These sums can be met from the carried forward balance of £179,840 from the £200,000 allocated to Dundee by the Scottish Government to tackle On-Street Prostitution.

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Scottish Government identified external funding to assist Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee to reduce the incidence of on-street prostitution by the development of collaborative initiatives by Dundee Partnership member organisations.

4.2 Report number 30-2008 to Policy and Resources Committee on 28 January 2008 gave a progress briefing at that time.

4.3 The purpose of the Service Level Agreements is to encourage and support women in on-street prostitution to make more positive lifestyle choices and exit prostitution.

- 4.5 This is part of an overall strategy to reduce on-street prostitution which includes enforcement action taken by Tayside Police, who also refer women to appropriate services for support to exit prostitution.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no adverse implications other than the need for the inter-agency group overseeing the project to establish an appropriate range of exit strategies for when the funding ends from 1 July 2010.

- 5.2 Implementation of these Service Level Agreements will contribute to the following policy and strategic priorities:

- National Outcome - "We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger"
- Dundee Outcome - "Our communities will be safe and feel safe"
- The Council Plan 2007-2011
- Leisure & Communities Service Plan 2007-2011
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2009-2012

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Deputy Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with its contents.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 The following background paper as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 was relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report:

Scottish Government Guidance for Local Authorities and their Community Planning Partners on Tackling Street Prostitution 11 July 2007.

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