

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Policy & Resource Committee - 23 August 2010

**REPORT TO:** Reduction of On Street Prostitution - Service Level Agreements to provide support services to Women - Dundee City Council and Action for Children

**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Communities Department

**REPORT NO:** 416-2010

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain approval for the extension of the Service Level Agreements between Dundee City Council and Action for Children from 1st July 2010 - 31st March 2011.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 agree the extension of the Service Level Agreements between Dundee City Council and Action for Children to 31 March 2010.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The total cost of the 9 month extension to the Service Level Agreements is £26,182. This will be met in full by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Report number 400-2009 to Policy and Resources Committee on 14 September 2009 established a Service Level Agreement between Dundee City Council and Action for Children in respect of drug treatment/support services for women involved in street prostitution until 30th June 2010.

4.2 Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership have confirmed funding of £26,182 in order to sustain drug treatment services to women involved in street prostitution (pending a review of the care pathway for this client group) from 1st July 2010 - 31st March 2011. However, the Alcohol and Drug Partnership are not a constituted body and are therefore unable to make contractual arrangements directly with Action for Children.

4.3 Specific targets/outcomes of the Service Level Agreement are outlined in Appendix 1.

4.4 This is part of an overall strategy to reduce on street prostitution which includes enforcement action taken by Tayside Police. The Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Violence Against Women Partnership will lead a review of drug treatment provision for women involved in prostitution during the period of the proposed contract extension.

## **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.

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

- National Outcome 9 and 11
- Dundee Outcome 7
- The Council Plan 2007-2011, Building Stronger Communities/Community Safety
- Leisure & Communities Service Plan 2007-2011 Community Safety
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2009-2012

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director 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 papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

Service Level Agreement between Dundee City Council and Action for Children.

Service Level Agreement extension notification, Director of Leisure and Communities.

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27 JULY 2010

## APPENDIX 1

### ACTION FOR CHILDREN

#### Specific Targets/Outcomes

By the end of the contract period, the following outcomes would be expected to have been achieved:

- Ensure women have the required knowledge to be able to engage with the service.
- Evidence that proactive work has been undertaken to ensure women who have been referred into the service, engage with treatment programmes.
- 100% of women who engage with the service have an individual care plan, including SMART objectives.
- Regularly re-assess care plans and SMART objectives with a view to ensuring clear exit strategies.
- Participate in outreach service, encouraging women who find it difficult to engage with services.
- Encourage women and their partners to stabilise on a treatment programme, making full use of the Adapted Treatment Outcome Profile.
- Explore opportunities for women on an individual basis to ensure they reduce their level of offending and risky behaviour.
- Address the particular needs of women with a view to ensuring they are referred to other relevant external agencies for further support.
- Acceptance of referrals from agreed sources/partner agencies.
- End Year Report to be produced and agreed by 31 March 2011.