

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 22 AUGUST 2005

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

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 428-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the award approval on set criteria.
- 2.2 notes the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the Partnership.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Scottish Executive have approved Community Safety Award Programme funding for a further 3 years at £138,275 per annum subject to ongoing annual review of outcomes.

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 2004-2005 reports extensively on the work of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership to 30 March 2005.

6.2 The current 2005-2010 Partnership Strategy & Action Plan 2005-2006 has been approved by the Partnership and forwarded to the Scottish Executive as per Grant Award conditions.

6.3 The progress on promoting and commissioning community safety activities during the period 2005-2006 continues with many Departments contributing to the priorities via mainstream services. Both Tayside Police and Tayside Fire & Rescue continue to contribute to the targeted priorities. The 2004-2005 Action Plan Reviews detail the progress made against the identified priorities of the Community Safety Strategy for the period 2004-2005.

- 6.4 Action Plans contain references to voluntary sector partners who are represented on the Partnership. This representation is complemented at local level by the 9 local 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 to 31 December 2005 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 the Strategy.
- 7.2 The 2005-2010 Community Plan sets out the corporate action targets and Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy & Action Plan 2005-2006 outlines the Partnership targets against the key themes.
- 7.3 To qualify for Scottish Executive Community Safety Award Funding for 2005-2008 the Partnership was required to identify a maximum of 3 focused initiatives identified within their key thematic objectives. These key themes were approved by Committee on 10 January 2005 as a basis for the Award bid application.
- 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 within the services offered 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 focused 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 have 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 Partnerships 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 to generic support to the Dundee Community Safety Partnership strategic priorities.

7.4.3 **Improve Vulnerable Individual/Group/Community 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. This initiative will see us commission key partner organisations to produce and develop these services to be made available to individuals electronically and to tutored groups.

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, Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on the content of this Report.

8.4 Copies of the relevant Award Bid application have been placed in the Councillors Lounge.

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 2004-2005.
- Application for Scottish Executive Support Funding 2005-2008 - From Establishing Partnership to Solving Problems.
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2005-2010 and Action Plan 2005-2006.
- Dundee Partnership Community Plan 2005-2010.

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