

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 8 September 2008

**REPORT ON:** Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report  
2007-2008

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### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To note the 2007-2008 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 evaluation reports of the targeted initiatives and the Action Plan completion for 2007-2008 contained within the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership.

2.2 notes public access to the Report will be facilitated by inclusion within the Dundee Partnership website at [www.dundeepartnership.co.uk](http://www.dundeepartnership.co.uk)

### **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. Carry forward of £146,660 was also approved to 2007-2008.

### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

4.2 Any relevant issues have been actioned within the service initiative completed as at 31 March 2008.

### **5.0 CURRENT POSITION**

5.1 The Annual Report 2007-2008 outlines extensively the work of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership to 31 March 2008 (see section 7.2 of the Annual Report).

5.2 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 2008 by key Dundee Partnership partners.

- 5.3 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 2007-2008 Action Plan Reviews detail the progress made against the identified priorities of the Community Safety Strategy for the reporting period (see Section 7.2 of the Annual Report recording the overall achievement rate). (85% completed, 15% part completed).
- 5.4 The Action Plans contain references to voluntary section 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 2008.
- 5.5 It is difficult to adequately reflect the high achievement success of the wide range of Partners contributing to the 2007-2008 review. The following highlights help to illustrate the range and diversity of successful initiatives:
- targeting of antisocial behaviour, alcohol abuse and illegal motor cycling activity.
  - increase in drug/health awareness preventative education.
  - increase in Partnership training opportunities.
  - 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.
  - increased domestic property target hardening outcomes.
  - high public satisfaction rates for community safety wardens operations 365 day coverage.
  - successful implementation of antisocial behaviour strategy and achievement of local outcome agreement standards.
  - deployment of mobile community safety warden deployment.
  - targeting of fire risk caused by waste disposal build up within tenement properties.
  - development of integrated intelligence IT databasing.
- 5.6 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.

## **6.0 TARGETED INITIATIVES 2007-2008**

- 6.1 Further to agreement 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 and supplement the number of targeted initiatives to 31 March 2008.
- 6.2 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 outcomes overseen by the Dundee Community Safety Partnership.

6.3 During 2007 the Scottish Government approved the Council's application subject to completion of additional targeted initiatives and satisfactory annual reporting against agreed outcome targets. The key funded areas were as follows:

**6.3.1 Reduction of the level of Antisocial Behaviour and Housebreaking within key targeted electoral ward areas**

- Continuation of 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 was supplemented by additional resources allocated under the Community Regeneration Fund for 2007-2008.
- The target number of houses is 200 per year (achieved 347 : 74% above target).
- The range of antisocial behaviour and crime targeting was addressed by a variety of focussed police, community safety warden and local community safety group support.

**6.3.2 Maintenance of 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 grant awards lies at the centre of successful local community participation in community safety activities.
- This approach sits comfortably within the Dundee Partnership's commitment to Local Community Plan support. The Scottish Executive have accepted this initiative and requested we prioritise such support to Community Safety Warden designated areas and secondly to designated Community Regeneration areas.
- This remit also extended generic support to the Dundee Community Safety Partnership strategic priorities.

**6.3.3 Improvement of vulnerable individual/group/community safety support within key targeted electoral ward areas**

- This targeted area developed website, tutorial materials and support training on personal safety for vulnerable individuals/groups ie senior citizens, women, young people and ethnic minorities. The targeted work for senior citizens and young people has been completed together with dedicated targeted community safety information resources for women.
- This initiative commissioned key partner organisations to help investigate, assess and develop these services to be made available to individuals electronically and to tutored groups as appropriate.

**6.3.4 Sustain a high police/partner input to reduce town centre alcohol related violence and disorder**

- Operation Centrsafe continued over weekends within the city centre evening economy.
- Increased searches were instituted to reduce knife,/weapon carrying.
- Increased protection was maintained within city centre designated entertainment zones.
- The Best Bar None initiative was promoted and monitored.
- Youth diversion activities were increased at The Shore Centre.
- Police reported increased levels of ASB enforcement action and positive feedback over personal safety use of city centre provision in relation to fear of crime.
- The licensed trade expressed increased confidence in police support.

#### **6.3.5 Diversion of Teenagers to Safe Drugs/Alcohol Free Music/Dance Activities**

- Over 1200 young people participated on diversionary weekend evening activities at The Shore.
- The young people were able to access high quality youth information services on substance abuse, alcohol reduction, health and personal relationship services etc.

#### **6.3.6 Targeting of Alcohol Reduction Publicity within City Centre**

- A 50% increase in Best Bar None membership was achieved.
- The area was covered by poster campaigns and associated local radio coverage.
- Operation Dry Up targeted alcohol confiscation from minors.

#### **6.3.7 Extension of Best Bar None Accreditation/Membership**

- 50% increase in membership achieved.
- Partners actively monitored adherence to accredited standards.
- Accredited promises reported reduction in levels of ASB behaviour.

#### **6.3.8 Extension of DUNCAN Initiative outside city centre**

- The anti theft scheme has extended to retail parks and community stores.
- The retail sector has reported positively on the better marketing, promotion and initiatives related to the scheme.

#### **6.3.9 Promotion of reduced ASB related to misuse of motor cycles across the City**

- Operation Challenge has resulted in a 30% reduction in reported ASB motor cycle misuse.
- Targeted publicity has been distributed to key area households where ASB activity has been high.
- Diversionary activities have helped reduce the problems.

- Some of the problem areas have benefited from physical deterrents to reduce motor cycle access and misuse eg Whitfield.
- Illegal use of motor cycles has resulted in vehicle confiscation (10 bikes).

#### 6.3.10 **High promotion of education/enforcement against illegal alcohol provision to/use by under age young people**

- Operation Dry Up has targeted areas of persistent problems with high levels of parental cautions issued and confiscation of alcohol.
- There have been referrals to Children's Reporter and support agencies of young people requiring skilled help.
- A reduction of 235 youth related calls within this category area was experienced. This has a strong co-relationship to reduction in low level vandalism levels.
- Licensed premises/retail outlets have experienced test purchasing.
- Several adults have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal over illegal purchase of alcohol for minors.

### **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 2007-2011, the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Council's Plan 2007-2011.
- 7.2 The 2007-2011 Community Plan will set out the corporate action targets and the Dundee Community Safety Partnership future strategy will outline the Partnerships' key priorities related to an overall strategic assessment of key statistical indicators/trends influencing community safety intelligence planning.
- 7.3 The above strategic assessment has been completed to first draft stage and is entering a consultation phase for final completion and presentation to Council for approval prior to submission to Scottish Government by 31 December 2008.

### **8.0 CONSULTATION**

#### **8.1 External**

The reports have been the subject of consultation and approval on 21 August 2008 by Partner organisations represented on Dundee Community Safety Partnership, including representatives of local community safety groups.

#### **8.2 Internal**

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Support Services and Finance), Head of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

### **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 2007-2008

- Application for Scottish Executive Support Funding 2005-2008 - From Establishing Partnerships to Solving Problems
- Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2005-2010 and Action Plan 2007-2008.
- Dundee Partnership Community Plan 2005-2010.
- Dundee Community Safety Award 2005-2008 Year 3 Report to the Scottish Executive.

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