

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 26 October 2009

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership Award Annual Report 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009

REPORT BY: Neil Gunn, Head of Community Learning & Development and Co-chairperson, Dundee Community Safety Partnership

REPORT NO: 502-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 Approve the Dundee Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Expenditure incurred totalled £222,031. This expenditure was, in the main, met from the Leisure & Communities 2008/09 Revenue Budget and £40,000 was funded by the Scottish Executive for the Safer Streets Initiative.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Annual Report highlights the very positive impact Dundee Community Safety Partnership has had in contributing towards making Dundee a city where "Our communities will be safe and feel safe".

4.2 The report gives an overview of the work undertaken and how this has been targeted towards key community safety issues such as youths causing annoyance, vandalism, motorcycle nuisance, domestic housebreaking, robbery, serious assault and secondary fires. Figures for these issues show a downward trend over a three year period. Drugs figures are principally in relation to possession of drugs, predominately heroin. These figures tend to be unpredictable and fluctuate both ways when such factors as operational activity are ongoing.

4.3 The Local Action Fund offered 757 sessions of diversionary activity to young people with 25,217 participants accessing the activities on offer. Numbers of crimes perpetrated by young people involved in the Motorbike Project reduced from 80 to 11 over the year. This means that there were 60 fewer crimes impacting on the local community from this project alone.

4.4 The report highlights how effective partnership working can positively and significantly impact on Dundee communities and citizens ensuring that "our communities will be safe and feel safe".

4.5 The Dundee Community Safety Partnership Annual Report has been agreed by the Partnership Co-chairpersons, Neil Gunn, Head of Community Learning and Development and Chief Superintendent, Colin MacKay, Central Division Commander, Tayside Police.

5.0 POLICY IMPLCATIONS

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

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive; Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer have been consulted on this report 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:

Dundee Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009

Copies of the above background paper have been passed to the Group Leaders, the Lord Provost and Depute Lord Provost.

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29 September 2009