

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 21 August 2000

**REPORT ON:** CONTRACT AND SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REVIEWS  
OF BODY POSITIVE TAYSIDE AND POSITIVE STEPS PARTNERSHIP

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

**REPORT NO:** 522-2000

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report details the outcomes of the contract and service level agreement reviews for the Body Positive organisation and the Positive Steps Partnership.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that committee note the outcome of the reviews.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount of £34,619 has been provided for in the Social Work Department's Third Party Payments Budget 2000/2001 for the service level agreement with Body Positive.

## 4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

## 5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

## 6.0 MAIN TEXT

### Introduction

6.1 Body Positive is an organisation, which provides information, befriending and other services to people who are HIV positive or have AIDS. The Positive Steps Partnership provides services to individuals affected by sexual health and addiction issues. Positive Steps Partnership received grant funding towards maintaining individuals affected by sexual health problems in supported accommodation.

6.2 The contract and service level agreement reviews for Body Positive and the Positive Steps Partnership were named among a number of reviews under way in Committee Report 205/2000. This detailed the establishment of a framework for reviews which would allow negotiation, monitoring and compliance effort to be targeted appropriately to 'substantial funding relationships' as recommended in the "Following the Public Pound" code of guidance.

## **Purpose of Review**

- 6.3 In relation to Body Positive there was a need to review the service level agreement, particularly because this has hitherto been an inter-authority arrangement between Dundee City Council, Angus and Perth and Kinross Council. There is also Health Board funding. There was a need not only to detail services for the City of Dundee but also to come to agreement with the other former Tayside Region authorities as to future funding and its proportionate distribution.
- 6.4 In relation to the Positive Steps Partnership there was a need to review the agreement, primarily because of concerns around value for money with respect to the level of service provision.

## **Service and Financial Outcomes - Body Positive**

### **Service**

- 6.5 Key areas of service provision in terms of the level of provision and its breakdown by authority were examined and agreed. These included: the Drop-In Service, the Buddy Service, the Complementary Therapy Service and the Information and Newsletter Resource provision.
- 6.6 A re-drawn Service Level Agreement for 1999/2000 was agreed and the agreement for 2000/2001 takes account of the inter-authority negotiation.

### **Finance- Body Positive**

- 6.7 Agreement was reached between the authorities regarding future funding in relation to core costs and formulas agreed in relation to funding services by utilising population and activity levels as appropriate. The gross cost of the service is £90,870. This is split based on population and activity between the 3 authorities and the health board as shown below:

Dundee City Council	£34,619
Angus Council	£11,052
Perth and Kinross Council	£14,038
Tayside Health Board	£31,162
TOTAL	£90,871

- 6.8 As a result of the negotiations, financial assistance in 2000/2001 was agreed as £34,619. This marked a new baseline to reflect activity levels in Dundee.

### **Health Board Funding**

- 6.9 Tayside Health Board was unable to take part in the contract and service level agreement review as their funding relationship with Body Positive was being considered as part of the Tayside wide HIV Services Review. This is nearing completion and will lead to further negotiation as to the arrangements underpinning future joint funding. The Health Board is currently consulting with local authorities and the voluntary sector as to "Future Funding Arrangements for Voluntary Organisations".

## **Outcome - Positive Steps Partnership**

### **Service**

- 6.10 The decision to review the service was pre-empted by the notification from the Positive Steps Partnership to Tayside Health Board and the Social Work Department that the organisation intended to cease providing services with effect from 31 March 2000. Specifically, working arrangements and agreements linked to the Pioneer Housing Project would cease from that date. The Social Work Department has in turn informed the Positive Steps Partnership that there will be no further funding from the authority.

6.11 Original projections as to the numbers needing supported accommodation had overestimated the levels of need for housing management input. It is not anticipated that service users will be unduly affected by the withdrawal of the service.

**Finance**

6.12 Monies provisionally earmarked for the Positive Steps Partnership have been added to the pool of funds for small grant applications.

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Director of Support Services and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

**9.0 SIGNATURE**

Director of Social Work .....

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