

## Item 7

**REPORT TO: AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE 10 JUNE 2002**  
**REPORT ON: VANDALISM WORKING GROUP**  
**REPORT BY: PRINCIPAL INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER**  
**REPORT NO: 525-2002**

The Vandalism Group established by the Chief Executive has met twice to date and has undertaken the preparatory work necessary to implement and develop a formal anti-vandalism strategy for Dundee City Council.

Through the discussions held, a number of particular points arise:

- a The cost of vandalism to Council buildings, their contents and plant or other motor vehicles exceeds £1m a year.
- b This figure excludes vandalism damage to other Council assets (eg trees on Ambassador routes/street furniture etc).
- c The struggle to control vandalism should not be viewed as a short-term initiative but one which is integrated into Council Risk Management activity by all Departments.

In the interim, the Sub-Committee is asked to approve the following initiatives:

- an anti-vandalism poster competition for all Dundee schoolchildren, with appropriate prizes for "winners" and all participating schools (subject to approval by the Director of Education).
- a similar competition for youth groups using NRD centres.
- radio/press campaigning, to raise public awareness.
- establishment of a formal reporting mechanism of vandalism 'hot-spot' areas in the City to Tayside Police.

The above initiatives will all be funded from the City Council's Risk Management Budget.

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