

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 24 OCTOBER 2005

REPORT ON: DIALOGUE YOUTH INITIATIVE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT

REPORT NO: 597-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Committee over progress in the development of youth information through the Dialogue Youth Initiative.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the attached report and approve the proposed future priorities contained therein.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Funding from the Dialogue Youth Initiative (via the Modernising Government Fund) ceases in December 2005. The Department has taken steps to sustain the work of the initiative within existing resources.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This Initiative facilitates access to information for young people, provided electronically, thus enabling young people to play a fuller part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Initiative provides opportunities for young people to engage in Community Planning.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to Committee Report Nos 756-2002 and 792-2004.

6.2 Significant progress has been made in the development of the Dialogue Youth Initiative in Dundee. The attached report highlights those achievements in more detail.

6.3 It is proposed that work continues through the Leisure & Communities Department Youth Information Unit, to facilitate access to electronic-based information and consultation opportunities for young people and that these have a specific focus on engaging young people in Community/Community Learning and Development Planning.

6.4 The Youth Information Unit will continue to develop the provision of secondary school outreach support for young people and staff in the areas of Youth Information, Personal and Social Education and Citizenship within Integrated Community School joint working arrangements.

- 6.5 Young people will continue to receive support to develop ownership and an interactive relationship with the Dundee pages of the National Young Scot Website. This will be achieved through high contribution of news items, views and features about topics of interest to young people and Community Planning/Community Learning and Development partners.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Support Services and Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Director of Education have been consulted on the contents of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND

- 8.1 None.

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