

**REPORT TO: SPECIAL POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2003**

**REPORT ON: SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE - QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT NO: 67-2003**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree the City Council's submission to the Scottish Executive in respect of how it proposes to use the Quality of Life monies for the three financial years 2003/04 to 2005/06 inclusive.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee

- 2.1 Agrees the Quality of Life submissions for 2003/04 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Agrees to advise the Scottish Executive that provisionally the Council would intend to allocate the 2004/05 and 2005/06 as undernoted:-

	<u>2004/05</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>2005/06</u> <u>£000</u>
Improving the Local Environment	1,295	1,586
Increasing Opportunities for Children and Young People	512	512
	<u>1,807</u>	<u>2,098</u>

- 2.3 Instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the Council's Quality of Life submission is made to the Scottish Executive by the deadline of 20 February 2003.
- 2.4 Notes that a provision of £1.524m for Quality of Life has been included in the Provisional 2003/04 Revenue Budget.
- 2.5 Instruct Chief Officers to bring forward reports to the appropriate Committees on the implementation of the 2003/04 Quality of Life projects, after having received approval of our submission from the Scottish Executive.

**3 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**5 BACKGROUND**

5.1 On 4 December 2002, the Minister for Finance and Public Services announced the Local Government Finance Settlement for the financial years 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.

- 5.2 Within these settlement figures the Minister included an allocation of £180m of Quality of Life funding, spread over the 3 financial years being £50m, £60m and £70m for 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 respectively.

The City Council's share of the £180m over the 3 years is as follows:

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>£m</u>
2003/04	1.524
2004/05	1.807
2005/06	<u>2.098</u>
	<u>5.428</u>

- 5.3 The Ministers have intimated that they expect the Quality of Life funds to be used to reflect the shared central and local government priorities, for improving the local environment and increasing opportunities for children and young people.

The following is a list of broad items on which the Scottish Executive believe the Quality of Life monies should be spent.

#### **Improving the Local Environment**

- Making the streets safer including lighting and the provision of CCTV
- Making the streets and open spaces cleaner, including tackling vandalism, graffiti and dog fouling
- Maintaining and Redeveloping parks, open spaces and leisure facilities
- Road safety and traffic calming schemes
- Improving local roads and pavements
- Home safety provision for the elderly and disabled
- Public transport initiatives
- Community health promotion

#### **Increasing opportunities for children & young people**

- Exercise, sport and healthy eating
- Swimming lessons
- Improving organised play and play areas
- Drinking water in schools
- Support for youth projects and local voluntary youth work
- Encouraging outdoor recreation and providing leisure access
- Out of school activities for older children

- 5.4 The Scottish Executive have asked that the Council make a submission on how it proposes to use the Quality of Life Funds by 20 February 2003.
- 5.5 Attached to the report, as Appendix A, is the proposed 2003/04 submission on Quality of Life, and in Paragraph 2.2 is the provisional Quality of Life submission for 2004/05 and 2005/06, all for the Committee's consideration.

**6 CONSULTATION**

The Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, and all other Chief Officers have been consulted on the contents of this report.

**ALEX STEPHEN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**13 JANUARY 2003**

**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.

**SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE – QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING****DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL****FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04 – FINAL SUBMISSION**

	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>INDICATIVE ALLOCATION £</b>
1	Economic Development – Neighbourhood Shopping - Upgrading	100,000
2	DCS – Landscaping/grass of Closed Playgrounds, ie removing tarmac, fences, filling in holes, topsoiling and grassing	50,000
3	DCS - Provide additional/replacement seating, litter bins and dog bins in public open spaces and playgrounds including landscaping underneath	25,000
4	Housing/Planning & Transportation – Housing (HRA) Unadopted Footpaths including any lighting improvements required	400,000
5	Planning & Transportation – White Lighting	100,000
6	Planning & Transportation – Traffic Calming	50,000
7	Leisure & Arts – Camperdown Cycle Circuit	60,000
8	Leisure & Arts – All Parks, except Camperdown, Pathway Improvements	40,000
9	Environmental & Consumer Protection – Additional Rapid Response Team	100,000
10	Education – Musical Instruments	50,000
11	Leisure & Arts – Grants – DIH including free access for Dundee schoolchildren	32,500
12	Leisure & Arts – Grants – Whitehall Schools Theatre – Seating	30,000
13	Leisure & Arts – Playgrounds/Skateboard – Areas	274,000
14	Leisure & Arts – Factory Skatepark – Further Grant	50,000
15	Neighbourhood Resources and Development/Leisure & Arts – Learn to Swim for a £1	162,500
		<hr/> £1,524,000