

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2020**

**REPORT ON: REVIEW OF THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS – COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 95-2020**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement for the changes to Third Party Payments administered by the Community Safety and Protection division of Neighbourhood Services.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the funding levels for Third Party Payments for the financial year 2020/21 as set out in the report.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The changes proposed outlined in paragraph 4.6 will result in an overall revenue saving to the Council of £114,600 from financial year 2020/21 onwards.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Dundee City Council, through Neighbourhood Services, Community Safety and Protection has in its annual budget provision for Third Party Payments to support its work.
- 4.2 With regard to Community Safety initiatives, these changes will lead to a reduction in financial support available for diversionary activities for young people and the number of projects that can be supported by the Community Safety Commissioning Budget will be reduced. However, grant funding is being maintained to provide some support and officers will work with groups to prioritise areas of greatest need, contribute to initiatives where possible and signpost to any alternative sources of support.
- 4.3 With regard to Action for Children (AfC), the Community Safety contribution is a small percentage of the overall funding provided to AfC, and they have advised that they can continue their work in relation to supporting young people to sustain tenancies based on the proposed funding level below (see paragraph 4.6).
- 4.4 Dundee City Council have in place a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Victim Support to provide support and information to victims and witnesses of antisocial behaviour. It is proposed not to renew the SLA for 2020/2021. Due to an internal promotion within Victim Support, there is currently no support worker in post. Members of the ASB team have training in mediation and conflict resolution and can offer a degree of support to victims and witness of antisocial behaviour. The Service Level Agreement relates to 'lower tariff' elements of antisocial behaviour. Anything with a higher tariff would result in referral being made to Victim Support by Police Scotland, so that those affected in these cases can still receive appropriate support.
- 4.5 In relation to the Community Analysts, a reduction in the budget is proposed that still enables the service to continue to be provided with one Community Analyst. The capacity of the service to provide reports, data and information would, however, be reduced and services and partners would be advised that will be a reduction in the quantity of information that can be provided and an increase in timescales to generate reports. The areas of work to be supported will be prioritised.

- 4.6 The following adjustments are proposed in relation to the total funding that will be made available for the following items in financial year 2020/21:

<u>Detail</u>	<b>Current Funding (£)</b>	<b>Proposed Funding (£)</b>	<b>Saving (£)</b>
Community Safety Initiatives	65,000	32,500	32,500
Action for Children	63,000	50,400	12,600
Victim Support	44,500	-	44,500
Community Analysts (Police Scotland)	<u>50,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>222,500</u>	<u>107,900</u>	<u>114,600</u>

- 4.7 The relevant third parties above have been consulted with regards to these proposed changes.

## 5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out and is attached.

## 6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with the content.

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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**Document Description:**

This is a Policy and Resources Committee Report describing changes to Third Party Payments made by Neighbourhood Services - Community Safety and Protection

**Intended Outcome:**

The intended outcome is to maintain a the proposed level of service by the third parties concerned, whilst delivering a contribution to savings targets, in light of the budget settlement for 2020/21

**How will the proposal be monitored?:**

The proposal will be monitored through normal budget monitoring procedures in place in Neighbourhood Services. The Head of Service for Community Safety and Protection and Community Safety and Resilience Manager will monitor service provision and report to Neighbour Services Management Team, Community Safety and Justice Executive Board, CMT - as required.

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## **A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

<b>Age:</b>	Negative
<b>Disability:</b>	Negative
<b>Gender Reassignment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership:</b>	No Impact
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Religion or Belief:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sex:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	No Impact

**Equality and diversity Implications:**

Some of the projects that will be impacted by reduced funding include for example holiday diversionary activities for school children and the Keep Safe Initiative.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Whilst there will be a reduction in funds available, grant funding is being maintained to provide support and officers will work with groups to prioritise areas of greatest need and provide

support for initiatives where possible, as well as signposting groups to alternative sources of funding that is brought to our attention.

**Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No**

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## **B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:**

### **Geography**

<b>Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):</b>	Negative
<b>Lochee (Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):</b>	Negative
<b>Coldside (Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):</b>	Negative
<b>Maryfield (Stobswell and City Centre):</b>	Negative
<b>North East (Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):</b>	Negative
<b>East End (Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):</b>	Negative
<b>The Ferry:</b>	Negative
<b>West End:</b>	Negative

### **Household Group**

<b>Lone Parent Families:</b>	Negative
<b>Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:</b>	Negative
<b>Pensioners - Single/Couple:</b>	No Impact
<b>Single female households with children:</b>	Negative
<b>Unskilled workers or unemployed:</b>	No Impact
<b>Serious and enduring mental health problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Homeless:</b>	No Impact
<b>Drug and/or alcohol problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Offenders and Ex-offenders:</b>	No Impact
<b>Looked after children and care leavers:</b>	Negative
<b>Carers:</b>	Negative

### **Significant Impact**

<b>Employment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Education and Skills:</b>	No Impact
<b>Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:</b>	No Impact
<b>Childcare:</b>	Negative
<b>Affordability and Accessibility of services:</b>	No Impact

### **Fairness and Poverty Implications:**

Reducing available support for some of the initiatives supported through Community Safety may have an impact on childcare implications for some people.

### **Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Whilst there will be a reduction in funds available, grant funding is being maintained to provide support and officers will work with groups to prioritise areas of greatest need and provide support for initiatives where possible, as well as signposting groups to alternative sources of funding that is brought to our attention.

## C. Environmental Impacts

### Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:

No Impact

Adapting to the effects of climate change:

No Impact

### Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:

No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:

No Impact

Sustainable Procurement:

No Impact

### Transport

Accessible transport provision:

No Impact

Sustainable modes of transport:

No Impact

### Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:

No Impact

Biodiversity:

No Impact

Open and green spaces:

No Impact

### Built Environment

Built Heritage:

No Impact

Housing:

No Impact

### Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

### Proposed Mitigating Actions:

N/A

### Environmental Implications:

None

## D. Corporate Risk Impacts

### Corporate Risk Implications:

There are risks associated with the subject matter of this report which depart from the norm of Council activity but having undertaken analysis of the upside and downside risks of the activity there is a clear benefit to the Council or its citizens in undertaking the activity in the manner proposed. The downside financial exposure to the Council is less than £250,000 and there is not the potential for significant censure from press or public.

### Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: