

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

REPORT ON: **CHANGING CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND**

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report informs members of the proposals submitted to the Scottish Executive in relation to the Changing Children's Services Fund. Details about the the Fund were outlined in Committee Report 219-2002

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- 2.1 Note the content of this report and in particular Appendix 1, which outlines details of the proposals from Dundee City Council and partner agencies.
- 2.2 Note that these proposals have been submitted to the Scottish Executive along with a working version of Dundee's Children's Services Plan 2002 -2004. A copy of the Plan is available in the members' lounge.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Changing Children's Services Fund has been allocated £27 million for national distribution in the new financial year and £36.5 million in the following financial year. Dundee's share of these monies amounts to £910,000 in 2002/2003 rising to £1,231,000 in 2003/2004

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

The local authority has a specific role to empower vulnerable children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them, and to enable them to contribute to an improvement in the quality of their lives.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

The local authority has a specific responsibility to promote the status of all children and young people, including children in need. It must also ensure that they are treated with equity and fairness and that they are protected from discrimination.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 At the end of October 2001, the then Ministers for Education, Health and Social Justice jointly launched a Report and Action Plan entitled "For Scotland's Children". The Action Plan drawn from the major report, sets out a range of ways in which local agencies, including the voluntary sector, can work together to achieve better integrated children's services.

In support of this strategic aim, the Scottish Executive established a Changing Children's Services Fund and re-stated the major tasks for all agencies engaged in the planning process for Children's Services. These are to:

- (a) engage all relevant interested statutory and voluntary agencies;
- (b) assess need on the basis of robust management information;
- (c) develop a local vision;
- (d) agree funding;
- (e) arrange, co-ordinate and deliver services;
- (f) develop services;
- (g) monitor, evaluate and audit.

7.0 CHANGING CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

7.1 The Changing Children's Services Fund was established as a source of transitional funding for local authorities, health boards and voluntary organisations and is intended to bring about a change in service systems. Its strategic aim is to achieve better outcomes for the most vulnerable and deprived children by making more effective and integrated service delivery through:

- (a) expansion of good practice in the delivery of well integrated services;
- (b) modernisation to reshape existing services to achieve better integrated support, and
- (c) new and innovative approaches to integrated service delivery.

8.0 PROPOSALS

8.1 In September 2001, a meeting to discuss the Changing Children's Services Fund was held with all interested parties. The voluntary sector organisations who attended were given the opportunity to outline their priority proposals for service development. These were subject to further discussion with members of the voluntary sector during February 2002. Final proposals were then submitted towards the end of February

8.2 An Executive Group was established with representation from NHS Tayside, Social Work and Education departments and Dundee Voluntary Action on behalf of the voluntary sector. Its remit was to prioritise the 43 proposals, which were submitted having regard to local needs, and with reference to the national objectives set out by the Scottish Executive.

Details of the proposals are attached in Appendix 1. In reaching agreement on the proposals for submission, the Executive Group wished to comprehensively cover national and local strategic priorities, and to achieve a balance between City Council, Health Service and Voluntary Sector initiatives.

Proposals which included partnership and inter-agency working; which were likely to make a strong impact on front-line service delivery, and which had the potential to integrate service systems and practice were rated highly and made it on to the final list of 9. A reserve list of 4 proposals was agreed, and these proposals will also be submitted and actioned as resources permit.

These proposals have been submitted to the Scottish Executive, along with the working version of the Children's Services Plan. The Scottish Executive intend to give feedback on the proposals in May/June 2002. Funding will only be released if the proposals fit the criteria for the Fund.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with all relevant partners in the compilation of this report.

10.0 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.

11.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work _____

Date _____

Director of Education _____

Date _____

28 March 2002
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Appendix 1

**CHANGING CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND
PROPOSALS FROM DUNDEE**

TITLE	KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL	ORGANISATIONS	FULL YEAR COSTS
1 Integrated Childcare Provision Within Nursery Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to expand the provision of full-time nursery places to support children in need and parents in employment • to expand the provision of extended childcare services within nursery schools • to provide all year round nursery services 	<p>Education Department in collaboration with Social Work, Health, and Educational Psychology</p> <p>For holiday periods it is planned to involve voluntary sector providers, such as The Spectrum Group</p>	£200,000
2 Community Outreach Service Development Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to establish an outreach service from Child and Family Centres • to develop and deliver new and integrated childcare and family support services in areas of unmet need • to develop and co-ordinate a range of new individual and groupwork supports for children and parents who find the task of parenting particularly difficult • to recruit new volunteers from the local area to be matched with families 	<p>Social Work Department in partnership with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Parent Families, Scotland • Dundee Sitters Service • Home Start Dundee • Youthlink 	£200,000
3 Primary Mental Health Workers Day Patient Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reshape existing services and achieve better integrated support through closer working links across health and local authorities • to appoint 2 Primary Mental Health Workers • to provide intensive multi-disciplinary 4 week assessment of 5-14 year olds with complex difficulties through a day care facility • to provide evidence-based parent training • to act as a training resource for other professionals 	<p>NHS Tayside with the local authority</p> <p>NHS Tayside in conjunction with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Department • Social Work Department 	£100,000

TITLE	KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL	ORGANISATIONS	FULL YEAR COSTS
4 Joint Assessment and Person-Centred Planning for Children and Young people with Additional or Complex Needs and Their Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to appoint a development officer to work as a change agent across health, education, social work and the voluntary sector • to develop shared aims, objectives and principles of working • to develop policies, protocols and tools for joint assessment and planning of services • to appoint a facilitator to develop effective mechanisms for effective communication, consultation and involvement of children, young people and their families. • to raise awareness of person-centred planning as a model of working among professionals and parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work • Education • NHS Tayside • Voluntary Organisations (<i>including The Inclusion Group and Barnardos</i>) 	£81,000
5 Playschemes for Children with Special Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to increase the availability of school-holiday play schemes or activity days • to establish a service which is based on inter-agency collaboration to ensure a well-integrated approach • to provide positive activity and play experiences for children • to provide an increased level of support to families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnardos Family Support Team • Social Work Department • Education Department • Disability Sports Team • Neighbourhood Resources • NHS Tayside • Spectrum 	£100,000
6 Support Packages for Parents and Staff who Work With Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide training packages for education staff and parents in the day-to-day management of their child's condition • to facilitate the child's progress through school and improve access to the curriculum • to raise awareness and improve understanding of the needs of children with ADHD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Tayside • Education Department • Social Work 	£33,000

TITLE	KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL	ORGANISATIONS	FULL YEAR COSTS
7 Support Packages for Parents and Staff who Work with Children with Complex Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide more integrated therapy packages in mainstream schools through provision of therapy workersassistants • to provide training packages for education staff and parents in the day-to-day management of their child's care • to facilitate the child's progress through school and improve access to the curriculum • to raise awareness and improve understanding of children with complex disabilities 	NHS Tayside Education Department	£49,000
8 Community Enabler Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide flexible support for children and young people who have additional support needs • to ensure socially inclusive, person-centred and stimulating activities • to develop each child or young person's own potential by promoting self-confidence and independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Department • NHS Tayside • Education Department • Neighbourhood Resources • A range of voluntary organisations (<i>including Barnardos, Frenzy without Frenzy, Parent to Parent, Sense Scotland and the Inclusion Group</i>) 	£70,000
9 Community Support Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to develop enhanced home support for children with disabilities including physical disabilities , learning disabilities, mental health problems and emotional and behavioural problems • to create a reservoir of core hours which will be available to families • to ensure informed and equitable distribution of support as far as possible • to enhance the local market of support providers 	Social Work Department in partnership with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary organisations 	£77,000
TOTAL			£910,000

RESERVE LIST

TITLE	KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL	ORGANISATIONS	FULL YEAR COSTS
1 Child Sexual Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to appoint an experienced worker to take the lead in developing and co-ordinating a range of services to support young people who have been exploited or are particularly vulnerable • to facilitate the introduction of inter-agency protocols • to enhance support networks for young people known or believed to have been exploited • to raise awareness among young people themselves, their parents and carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Department • NHS Tayside • The Corner • Voluntary Organisations (<i>including Barnardos and Polepark Family Counselling Service</i>) 	£48,000
2 Children with Visual Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to enhance the work of the Inter-Agency Visual Impairment Team • to ensure the identification of all children with visual impairment, including those with cerebral visual impairment and complex disability • to establish and implement best practice guidelines for collaborative inter-agency management of children with visual impairment 	NHS Tayside in conjunction with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dundee Society for Visually Impaired People • Sense Scotland • RNIB • Barnardos 	£12,000
3 Children with Sexually Aggressive/Challenging Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to appoint a qualified and experienced worker to develop effective services and appropriate responses for children under 12 years with concerning or aggressive sexual behaviour • to enhance the practice of professionals through the provision of consultancy and training • to develop and implement good practice guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnardos • Bridge Project • Social Work Department • NHS Tayside • Education 	£35,000

TITLE	KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL	ORGANISATIONS	FULL YEAR COSTS
4 School Nurse Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to enable school health nurses to shift the focus of their work through the appointment of school nurse assistants (SNAs) <p>SNAs will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertake various basic school health activities; • offer support to parents regarding care of their child; • act as a link person between education and health care services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Tayside Paediatric and Child Health Team • Health Promotion • Public Health • Dundee City Council 	£30,000
TOTAL			£125,000

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