

**REPORT TO:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 JUNE 2004  
**REPORT ON:** FUNDING TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR  
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**REPORT NO:** 502-2004

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To recommend proposals for the use of Scottish Executive funding to tackle anti-social behaviour.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council apply for funding for the projects detailed in paragraph 6.3 of this report.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the projects recommended in this report will be met from a Scottish Executive allocation of £634,750 in 2004/5. Unspent monies can be rolled over to 2005/6. It is anticipated that funding of £819,950 will be available in 2005/6 (which again can be rolled into 2006/7), although this will be subject to a separate application.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

The report will have an impact on the following Local Agenda 21 themes:

- people live without fear of personal violence from crime
- health is protected by creating safe, clean, pleasant environments
- all sections of the community are empowered to participate in decision making

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The proposals in this report will address anti-social behaviour affecting all sections of society.

**6 BACKGROUND**

6.1 The Scottish Executive has announced a second round of funding for local authorities to tackle anti-social behaviour. Dundee City Council's indicative allocation from the £20.4 million available over the next two years would be £634,570 in 2004/5 and £819,950 in 2005/6.

6.2 There is a two-stage process for applying for the funds. The Executive's guidance states that funding for 2004/5 will be available for three purposes:

- introducing or filling gaps in services for people suffering anti-social behaviour
- introducing further warden schemes, where these are justified, or improving existing warden schemes; and
- activities to support the preparation and implementation of local authority wide anti-social behaviour strategies

Funding for 2005/6 will be linked to an outcome agreement with each local authority and its community planning partners and will be based on the outcomes and outputs set out

in the anti-social behaviour strategies which all authorities will be required to publish by next year if the Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Bill 2003 passes into law. Further guidance will be issued on this in due course, and a further funding application will require to be made to release the funding allocated for 2005/6

6.3 In line with the Scottish Executive guidance, it is recommended that the following projects be included in Dundee City Council's funding application for 2004/5

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| 1. | Provision of two additional Community Safety Warden teams. It is proposed that one of these be a 'rapid response team' to deal with isolated incidents and specific problems and allow the effectiveness of a mobile resource to be tested. The other team would be established in Pitkerro, which is next on the list according to the priority criteria agreed by Committee at its meeting in December 2003 (report 795-2003). | £250,000 |
| 2. | Youth Mediation Pilot, using community mediation to defuse inter-generational conflicts in areas where young people gather, and prevent tensions with older people escalating into more serious criminal behaviour.  | £32,000  |
| 3. | Victim Support for victims of anti-social behaviour - development of database, accommodation and staff support to victims involved with court cases.   | £30,000  |
| 4. | In-house Solicitor dedicated to working on anti-social cases and advising the Anti-Social Behaviour Team on new legislation  | £40,000  |
| 5. | Anti Social Behaviour Strategy Officer to develop and disseminate good practice policies and procedures among all housing providers  | £30,000  |
| 6. | Development of an Anti-Social Behaviour Website, providing access to information, online reporting for victims and links to other relevant sites.  | £20,000  |
| 7. | Community Intelligence Unit Link Officer to facilitate the exchange of information between the Policy and the Anti Social Behaviour Team, assist in the development of data exchange protocols and expand the scope of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.   | £30,000  |
| 8. | Positive engagement with young people, including Peer Education Project to promote youth citizenship, and extension of opening hours and events at The Shore, as preventative measures to reduce anti-social behaviour.  | £68,570  |
| 9. | Contribution to the cost of the Housing Department's Controlled Entry programme, to provide controlled entry to a further 17 tenement blocks in specific locations which exhibit anti-social issues which would be resolved through this initiative.   | £35,000  |

10.	Officer support costs to assist Dundee Community Safety Partnership contribute to the development of an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy	£15,000
11.	Support for evaluation/monitoring activity and development of technical back-up and statistics to support strategy development.	£25,000
12.	Appointment of three Environmental Technicians to assist in the investigation, monitoring and resolution of refuse-related anti-social behaviour complaints, including dumping at the rear of tenements and keeping wheelie bins on pavements, which have frequently been raised at public consultation events.	£59,000
TOTAL		£634,570

## 7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives, Director of Housing and Head of Communities have been consulted on this report.

## 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background papers were relied upon in the preparation of this report:

Guidance to Local Authorities on Funding to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour –  
Second Round:  
Scottish Executive

Report to Policy and Resources Committee – 8 December 2003  
Report 795-2003

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