

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 NOVEMBER 2005

**REPORT ON: QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING 2006/2007 AND 2007/2008
- SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE**

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 596-2005

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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 two financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- 2.1 Agrees the Quality of Life submissions for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Instructs the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) to ensure that the Council's Quality of Life submission is made to the Scottish Executive by 30 November 2005 (as detailed in Appendix B).
- 2.3 Notes that the required provisions for Quality of Life are included in the Provisional Revenue Budgets for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 respectively.

3 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

5 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Following the success of Quality of Life funding for 2003-2006, the Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform announced on 29 September 2004 the outcome of the Spending Review 2004 which included a total allocation of £100m of Quality of Life funding for local authorities over financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.
- 5.2 The above allocation was included in the Local Government Finance Settlement figures announced in December 2004 spread equally over financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

The City Council's share of the £100m over the two financial years is as follows:

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>£m</u>
2006/2007	1.467
2007/2008	<u>1.463</u>
	<u>2.930</u>

The above amounts were included in the 2005-2008 Revenue Budget, submitted to the Special Finance Committee meeting on 10 February 2005 and are held centrally in a

contingency pending the identification and approval of a detailed programme of departmental projects.

- 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 of **improving the local environment** and **improving community well-being**.
- 5.4 Councils have been encouraged to aim to co-ordinate their spending proposals under the above two themes with other funding and priorities for neighbourhoods. This can include using Quality of Life funding to support:
- Regeneration Outcome Agreements
 - Joint Health Improvement Plans
 - Antisocial Behaviour Outcome Agreements
 - Integrated Children's Services Plans
 - Services for Older People
 - Environmental Improvements
- 5.5 Finally, due to the cross-cutting nature of the Quality of Life themes, the Council have been asked to involve its community planning partners in the formulation of proposals to ensure that projects reflect agreed strategic priorities of the partnerships. The Council's community planning partners have been fully consulted in the development of the attached spending proposals, through the Community Plan Co-ordinating Group.
- 5.6 The Scottish Executive have asked that the Council makes a submission setting out how it proposes to use funds in line with the policy themes for 2006/2007, and indicative plans for 2007/2008. Attached to this report, as Appendix B, is the proposed 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 submission on Quality of Life for the Committee's consideration.

6 **CONSULTATION**

All Chief Officers of the City Council have been consulted on the contents of this report, together with the Council's community planning partners.

7 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Scottish Executive letter (2 August 2005).

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APPENDIX A

		2006/2007 (£)	2007/2008 (£)
1	Neighbourhood Shopping Parades - Upgrading (Economic Development)	51,000	51,000
2	Landscaping of Playgrounds (Dundee Contract Services)	26,000	26,000
3	Public Open Spaces (Dundee Contract Services)	103,000	103,000
4	Unadopted Footpaths (Housing)	205,000	205,000
5	Adopted Footpaths (Planning & Transportation)	307,000	308,000
6	White Lighting (Planning & Transportation)	103,000	103,000
7	Traffic Calming (Planning & Transportation)	51,000	51,000
8	Roads/Footpaths (Leisure & Communities)	26,000	26,000
9	Additional Rapid Response Squad and Cleansing Equipment (Waste Management)	128,000	128,000
10	Dundee Industrial Heritage (Leisure & Communities)	33,000	33,000
11	Playground Improvements (Leisure & Communities)	26,000	26,000
12	The Shore (Leisure & Communities)	119,000	119,000
13	Parks Improvements (Leisure & Communities)	103,000	103,000
14	Joint Health Work - Young People (Leisure & Communities / Corporate Planning)	103,000	103,000
15	Healthy Eating (Education)	51,000	51,000
16	Replacement Dog Bins (Environmental Health)	<u>32,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>1,467,000</u>	<u>1,463,000</u>

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Policy Theme: Improving the Local Environment

Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning Partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the community plan	Key Outcomes	2006-07 Amount £000	2007-08 Amount £000
Neighbourhood shopping - upgrades	Regeneration outcome agreements building stronger communities.	Consultation via building stronger communities theme groups. Enhance facilities and provision for local shopping areas.	Consumer satisfaction	51	51
Litter, fly-tipping and graffiti prevention, education, enforcement and remedial measures.	Antisocial behaviour outcomes.	Consulted with community planning partners to raise profile of litter, fly-tipping and graffiti, to raise as community concern.	Enable & encourage individuals and communities to participate in improvement of neighbourhood.	67	67
Landscaping of playgrounds	Environmental improvement		Improving the environment, reduced revenue costs due to easier landscape maintenance.	26	26
Public open spaces - landscape improvements	Environmental improvement		Improvement to the landscape local environment.	103	103
Traffic calming	Improving community safety	Initiative aims to physically improve access to walking facilities and reduce danger (actual or perceived) to pedestrians. The project contributes to improving community safety.	Improved community safety and accessibility.	51	51
White lighting programme	Promoting community safety and reducing anti-social behaviour.	Consultation with community planning partners in identifying and agreeing a prioritised programme. This project contributes to improving community safety through the improvement to levels of lighting and reducing vandalism.	Increased neighbourhood satisfaction.	103	103
Adopted footways - upgrading	Improving the local environment and local service improvements.	Location of footways to be upgraded will be identified from the existing backlog. Proposed programme will be reported to committee following consultation with community planning partners. This project contributes to safeguarding the future of the environment within the city.	Improved safety for all users including elderly and the less ambulant.	307	308

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Policy Theme: Improving the Local Environment (continued)

Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning Partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the community plan	Key Outcomes	2006-07 Amount £000	2007-08 Amount £000
Purchase of dog waste bins	Anti-Social Behaviour Outcome agreement.	Consulted with community safety partners and this initiative contributes to the ongoing partnership working to reduce antisocial behaviour and improve the environment within the city. Dundee City Council and Tayside Police (Central division) have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding giving commitment to both parties to work jointly with each other to enforce Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.	Reduction in dog fouling resultant improvement to the environment.	32	27
Upgrade un-adopted footpaths	Environmental improvements	Consultation made with community planning partners. This project contributes to safeguarding the future of the environment in the city.	Improved safety for all using paths, especially elderly, less able and those with prams.	205	205
Roads/footpaths - upgrading	Environmental initiative, health and physical activity initiatives, outdoor access strategy, public open space strategy.	Links with the Dundee partnership for the environment and all the planning partners associated with it. Also fulfils elements in the local community plans including improvements to the environment especially access.	Improve infrastructure in parks.	26	26
Playground improvements	Environmental initiatives, park Master plan developments, public open space strategy, health and physical action, integrated children's services plans and regeneration outcome agreements.	Links for the Dundee Partnership for the Environment i.e. its developing. Plans for the future and through it to the partners in community planning. It contributes to the themes of environmental improvements, health and physical activity as well as child development.	Improved environment and play experience for children.	26	26
Parks improvements	Health and physical activity initiative, park master plan developments, outdoor access strategy, regeneration outcome agreements and public open space strategy.	Links with the Dundee Partnership for the Environment and all the planning partners associated with it. Also fulfils elements in the Local Community Plans involving improvements to the environment especially parks.	Improving environmental quality in parks.	103	103
Sub-Total: Improving the Local Environment				1,100	1,096

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Policy Theme: Improving the Community Well-Being

Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning Partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the community plan	Key Outcomes	2006-07 Amount £000	2007-08 Amount £000
Litter, fly-tipping and graffiti prevention, education, enforcement and remedial measures.	Antisocial behaviour outcomes	Consulted with community planning partners to raise profile of litter, fly-tipping and graffiti, to raise as community concern.	Enable & encourage individuals and communities to participate in improvement of neighbourhood.	61	61
The Shore	Social Inclusion	Consulted with community planning partners. This project contributes to the: Community Safety Partnership's aims for reducing levels of crime/anti social behaviour; DDAAT's aims of minimising risk behaviour in relation to drugs/alcohol misuse; aims of Healthy Dundee in developing healthy communities.	Safe drugs/alcohol free environment where there are opportunities for young people who are at risk of/or are experiencing exclusion to develop skills in music, media, arts IT, and catering. Building capacity for young people.	119	119
Oral health initiative - supported tooth brushing in primary schools.	Tackling health inequalities - closing the gap.	Dental decay is a preventable disease and establishing a good oral hygiene from an early age can help reduce dental decay in children. High levels of dental decay in children are strongly associated with deprivation.	Reduced dental decay in childhood.	26	26
Smoking prevention - peer education project in schools.	Tackling health inequalities - closing the gap.	There is a strong association between smoking, ill health and deprivation. On a partnership basis it has been agreed that preventing young people smoking is more likely to bring about lasting good health into adulthood. Preventing young people from attracting to smoke is a partnership priority in the Dundee Partnership Joint Health Improvement Plan 2005-2008.	Reduce numbers of children and young people smoking.	38	38
Smoking cessation targeting young people from communities.	Tackling health inequalities - closing the gap.	Helping young people to stop smoking is an agreed partnership priority identified in the Dundee Partnership Joint Health Improvement Plan 2005-2008.	Reduce numbers of young people smoking.	39	39
Dundee Industrial Heritage	Sustainable development - at a local level.	Contributes to a vibrant and attractive city. Contributes to special inclusion allowing everyone to have a chance of paying a full part in the life of the city.	Education initiatives with Dundee Industrial Heritage.	33	33

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Policy Theme: Improving Community Well-Being (continued)

Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning Partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the community plan	Key Outcomes	2006-07 Amount £000	2007-08 Amount £000
Healthy Interactive	Council Plan 2003-2007, Health Promoting School Strategy, Obesity Strategy, Tackling Health - Closing the Gap.	Healthy Interactive is a computer programme containing interactive sessions relating healthy eating to physical activity. The programme will be web based and accessible to primary schools, pupils and the wider community. Access for additional support needs and off site centres will be considered depending on appropriateness. This project will have a direct impact upon the Community Plan 2005-2010 object Health and Care in the target areas Physical Activity and Improving Diet and Nutrition and Tackling Obesity.	Improved dietary habits and fitness levels of young people and their families.	22	21
Health Promotion - Healthy Eating and Body Image	Health Promoting Schools, New community schools, Tackling Health Inequalities - Closing the Gap	Resources aimed to support delivery of lessons on diet, body image and emotional health within the revised exemplars on health education. This project will have a direct impact upon the Community Plan 2005-2010 object Health and Care in the target areas Physical Activity and Improving Diet and Nutrition and Tackling Obesity.	Improved pupil knowledge and skills in making health choices.	5	3
Health Promotion - leaflets for parents on healthy eating choices & physical activity	Health Promoting Schools, Tackling Health Inequalities - Closing the Gap	Leaflet-booklet for parents on healthy interactive project and other health related issues depending on the age/stage of the children. This project will have a direct impact upon the Community Plan 2005-2010 object Health and Care in the target areas Physical Activity and Improving Diet and Nutrition and Tackling Obesity.	Increased parental involvement and knowledge in healthy choices.	5	5
Staff development for health eating assistants	Health Promoting Schools, Tackling Health Inequalities - Closing the Gap	Training and staff development in issues related to healthy choices in nutrition and food hygiene. This project will have a direct impact upon the Community Plan 2005-2010 object Health and Care in the target areas Physical Activity and Improving Diet and Nutrition and Tackling Obesity.	Increased knowledge and skills in relation to healthy eating tuck shops and nutrition	5	5

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Policy Theme: Improving Community Well-Being (continued)

Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning Partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the community plan	Key Outcomes	2006-07 Amount £000	2007-08 Amount £000
Develop health eating tuck shops and vending machines in schools	Health Promoting Schools, Tackling Health Inequalities - Closing the Gap	Replace vending machines with machines containing healthy options e.g. 'green machines.' Encourage healthy options in tuck shops in all schools and off-site centres. This project will have a direct impact upon the Community Plan 2005-2010 object Health and Care in the target areas Physical Activity and Improving Diet and Nutrition and Tackling Obesity.	Improved healthy options available to secondary pupils.	14	17
Sub-Total: Improving Community Well-Being				367	367
OVERALL TOTALS				1,467	1,463