

ANGUS COUNCIL – 19 September 2002

Report by Chief Executive

DIALOGUE YOUTH INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

This report reminds Members of the success of Phase 1 of the Dialogue Youth Initiative, reports on new funding available under the Modernising Government Fund, and recommends approval of Phase 2.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- approve Phase 2 of the Dialogue Youth Initiative under the existing Project Management Group
- agree expenditure of £188,344 (MGF £125,844; Angus Council £62,500)

2. DIALOGUE YOUTH INITIATIVE PHASE 1

Members are aware of the highly successful Dialogue Youth Initiative which was set up in Angus with £81K from Angus Council and £244K from the Modernising Government Fund. Similar schemes were run in Argyll & Bute, Glasgow and Edinburgh, and Angus Council's Chief Executive chaired the inter-authority group which oversaw the 4 schemes.

In Angus, the initial phase of the Initiative has been about extending the use of the "Young Scot" card for a number of purposes including proof of age and access to libraries, school meals and leisure facilities.

3. DIALOGUE YOUTH INITIATIVE PHASE 2

So successful did the Initiative prove that under the 2nd tranche of the Modernising Government Fund, all Councils in Scotland have combined in a consortium to start or build upon the Dialogue Youth Initiative in their area.

The Scottish Executive, recognising the value of an all-Scotland approach has made available a sum of approx. £3.35m with the expectation that Councils will provide a contribution.

The proposal in Angus is for a total expenditure of £188,344:

MGF	£125,844
Angus Council	<u>£ 62,500</u>
	£188,344

This additional sum from MGF2 will enable Angus Council to:

- develop the Dialogue Youth Initiative in the context of its community planning framework and through the existing Project Management Group chaired by Councillor Glennis Middleton
- develop links with other public services and particularly the health service
- promote the national youth information portal
- support the Dialogue Youth Unit to develop the local content of the portal

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Angus Council's contribution of £62,500 has been included in the 2001/02 budget and will be met from the Information Technology Repairs and Renewal Fund.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from the implementation of this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Directors of Education, Finance, IT and Law & Administration have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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NOTE

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.