

ANGUS COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
11 June 2002
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL SECURITY

ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposed school improvement projects for financial year 2002/2003

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report for its interest.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Education and Policy & Resources Committees (on 4 March and 18 March 1997 respectively) approved Report 288/97 following the Public Inquiry on the Dunblane massacre undertaken by Lord Cullen. That report outlined the priorities for improving school security during financial year 1997/98. Further reports have been approved by the Education Committee outlining security improvements for 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

A survey of schools' satisfaction with security measures which have been implemented was undertaken in 2000, the details of which were contained in the Appendix to Report 880/00. Due to the extent of the works identified it has been necessary to spread the works over a number of years.

In late 2001 Audit Scotland produced a report on Overview of Property Risk Management in Schools. Overall the auditors were satisfied that Angus Council has made good progress in implementing the recommendations contained in the Accounts Commission Publication "A safer place: Property Risk Management in Schools" and also found a number of areas of good practice:-

- the Council has a risk management strategy that outlines strategic aims and objectives
- a Corporate Risk Management Group has been set up to identify and address risks within the authority
- the authority has a dedicated Insurance Risk Management Section which records and analyses property related crime
- CCTV has been installed in all secondary schools and some primary schools

- a strategic review of school properties has been carried out through the development of an Asset Management Plan of which security is one element
- the Architect's Section follow the principles of the crime-prevention standards set out in the police service's 'Secure by Design' initiative

3 PROPOSALS

The outstanding works from the 2000 survey together with additional items identified as part of the preparation of the Asset Management Plan, issues raised by Head Teachers and Health and Safety representatives, local Police Officers etc., have informed the consideration of projects for 2002/2003. In addition the recent audit on school risk management indicated that although the Council has generally dealt effectively in reducing risks at school, greater emphasis should be placed on cost benefit analysis of proposed security works. Accordingly the criteria for determining potential projects has been refined.

The security projects proposed in 2002/2003 are listed in the Appendix. These consist principally of further improvements to existing security systems.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Although there is no longer a specific government grant for school security, there is provision of £175,000 within the revenue budget for further improvements. The cost of the works outlined in Appendix can be met from within this provision.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from consideration of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Directors of Finance, Property Services and Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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.

Education Department
Security Improvements
2002/03

Appendix A

School	Description of Works	Estimated Cost
		£
Arbirlot Primary School	Upgrade Fencing and Gate	2,000
Arbroath Academy	Additional CCTV Camera's, upgrade Intruder Alarm System and External Lighting	8,000
Arbroath High School	Upgrade external lighting, provide additional external CCTV Camera	7,000
Borrowfield Primary School	Install Red Care Intruder Alarm System	4,000
Brechin High School	Upgrade school office to improve security surveillance, extend car park railings	40,000
Carnoustie High School	Upgrade External Lighting and provide additional CCTV Camera's	7,000
Colliston Primary School	Install additional door entry system, upgrade external doors at Store	5,000
Various Primary Schools	Secure Community Education Lounges located within schools	30,000
Ferryden Primary School	Additional External Lighting	3,000
Forfar Academy	Replace Perimeter Fencing Phase 1	6,500
Inverarity Primary School	Upgrade Fencing	3,500
Inverarity Primary School	Upgrade Roadside Lighting	2,500
Kinloch Primary School	Upgrade Doors at Infant Building	4,000
Langlands Primary School	Upgrade External Lighting	1,500
Langlands Primary School	Install CCTV System	10,000
Letham Primary School	Improve Security Lighting	1,500
Lethnot Primary School	Install Red Care Intruder Alarm System	1,500
Monifieth High School	Upgrade external lighting, provide additional CCTV Camera's	3,500
Montrose Academy	General Security Improvements	5,000
Newtyle Primary School	Improve Security door at Entrance, upgrade perimeter fence	6,000
Seaview Primary School	Upgrade Fencing and re-locate office to improve security surveillance	14,000
Southesk Primary School	Upgrade External Lighting	1,000
Stracathro Primary School	Upgrade External Lighting	1,000
Tarfside Primary School	Install Red Care Intruder Alarm System	2,000
Tealing Primary School	Install additional Door Release system and number keypad	1,500
Warddykes Primary School	Improve Security Lighting	2,000
Webster's High School	Upgrade Section of Perimeter Fence	2,000
	TOTAL	175,000