

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2003

QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING FOR GREEN TEAMS

JOINT REPORT BY CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the progress made to date in on the formation of the Green Teams.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Members are referred to Report 583/03 of 29 May 2003 when financial provision was made within the Quality of Life Fund for improved cleaning of streets, parks and open spaces. A part of the proposal was to provide an additional four compact mechanical sweepers making a total of seven, one for each burgh.

**3. PROPOSAL**

The other part of the proposal is to provide the appropriate manpower of seven teams of two, plus a designated Supervisor. These employees have now been appointed with each team of a compact sweeper plus two operatives based in each of the seven burghs and will work flexibly over seven days per week. They will cover the associated villages plus landward areas. They will deal with all areas of de-littering. In addition, a power washer has been purchased to deal with chewing gum removal, general washing, etc and employees will deal with litter on a street scene basis removing litter from flower beds, grass areas, streets, etc.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total cost of this initiative can be accommodated within the £190,000 2003/2004 resource allocation from the Quality of Life Fund and a budget virement of some £20,000 from the Street Cleaning budget in respect of the part year costs leasing three compact sweepers.

The funding package required for 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 will be put in place as part of the Revenue Budget preparation process for these years.

**5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

**6. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the preparation of this report.

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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 this report.