

ANGUS COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 6thOCTOBER 2005

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 20thOCTOBER 2005

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY WARDENS – POLICING INITIATIVE

JOINT REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Abstract: This report clarifies the funding position regarding the introduction of a peripatetic community warden scheme for Angus to work in close partnership with Tayside Police based at Letham Police Office (Report No 904/05). Members will be aware that the initiative was approved at the Housing Committee meeting on the 18th August 2005

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee in relation to the expansion of the community scheme (as approved in report no 904/05) –
- i. Approve the amendments to the financial implications as detailed below, in respect of one - off upfront expenditure of £15,000 and the ongoing running costs of £45,000 per annum to engage two full time community wardens.
 - ii. Note that the costs are to be shared on a 50/50 basis between the Housing Revenue Account and the Other Housing Account.
 - iii. Note that the additional Housing Revenue Account expenditure can be accommodated within the Housing Revenue Budget.
 - iv. Note that the 2005/06 Other Housing expenditure totalling some £15,000 on a part year basis be met from existing General Fund balances and that the 2006/07 (and beyond) £22,500 running costs be added to the Other Housing Revenue Budget base.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the Community Partnership Community Wardens – Policing Initiative Report No 904/05 was approved at the Housing Committee during the last cycle.
- 2.2 This report clarifies the funding arrangements for the initiative.

3 PROPOSAL FOR JOINT APPROACH WITH TAYSIDE POLICE

- 3.1 As noted in the original report the current arrangements are restricted to designated areas within Arbroath and Forfar. The restriction is due to the conditions attached to the funding from the Scottish Executive. The expansion of the scheme will be funded from the resources of Angus Council, and the earlier report was to have indicated

that 50% of the funding was to come from the Housing Revenue Account and 50% from additional resources made available from the General Fund balances to the Other Housing Account in 2005/06. Appropriate amounts would be built into 2006/07

- 3.2 The Property at Letham requires upgrading as well as the need for additional car parking, these costs will be funded from Tayside Police. The force will also meet the annual costs in terms of utilities, building maintenance etc.
- 3.3 A report detailing the work required is currently being prepared by Tayside Police and these costs will be agreed with the Director of Housing and met from the Tayside Police budget.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Costs for the Angus Council Element of the proposed project, to include Salaries, provision of a Vehicle, Uniform and Office Equipment will be shared on a 50/50 basis between the Housing Revenue account and Other Housing.
- 4.2 The Additional Housing Revenue Account expenditure being £7,500 in respect of upfront costs and £22,500 per annum for ongoing running costs can be contained within the existing Housing Revenue Account budget.
- 4.3 The 2005/06 Other Housing Expenditure totalling on a part year basis some £15,000 including £7,500 upfront costs and £7,500 running costs to cover the period December 2005 to March 2006 be met from existing General Fund balances and that the 2006/07 (and beyond) £22,500 per annum running costs will be added to the Other Housing Revenue Budget base.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications as a result of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Directors of Law and Administration Housing, Head of Policy & Performance Unit and Tayside Police have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This report details the funding arrangements to finance the Community Partnership Community Wardens - Policing Initiative which was originally submitted to and approved by the Housing Committee on 18th August 2005.

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.

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