

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL SECURITY

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposed security measures for financial year 2000/2001.

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 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 and 1999/2000.

A survey of school's satisfaction with their security measures which have been implemented has been undertaken, the details of which are contained in Appendix 1.

The Departmental Health and Safety Committee recently commissioned a survey on staff views, the results of which are appended (Appendix 1). These views have helped to inform the proposals for 2000/2001.

3 PROPOSAL

The security projects proposed in 2000/2001 are listed in Appendix 2. These consist principally of further improvements to existing security systems (e.g. CCTV) although it is proposed to provide new fencing in a number of schools.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Although there is no longer a specific government grant for school security, there is provision of £180,000 within the revenue budget for further improvements. The cost of the works outlined in Appendix 2 can be met from within this provision.

5 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, 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).

ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Are you satisfied with the security system which has been installed?	77.2%	22.8%	Majority are satisfied although some improvements are required. In the main these will be implemented in the next financial year.
2. Do staff and pupils feel safer and more secure?	98.2%	1.8%	Only drawback is when the school is full of accommodation.
3. Have you had any positive feedback from parents, school boards etc?	74.5%	25.5%	Majority of feedback has been positive.
4. Can you suggest any further improvements to the system?	62.5%	37.5%	Varied comments - which will be taken into account for future work programmes.
5. Once school has commenced are all external doors secured?	94.7%	5.3%	Except in exceptional circumstances.
6. Do visitors report to one monitored entry point?	94.7%	5.3%	The majority of visitors report to the main entry point.
7. Do you have an external boundary fence and gates?	91.1%	8.9%	Some fences are in poor condition.
8. Do you have effective communications with detached buildings?	90.6%	9.4%	Detached/temporary buildings are monitored.
9. Are there any other security issues you would like to be considered?	48.1%	51.9%	Varied comments, including improvements in CCTV cameras, improve fencing.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS 2000/01

Property Name	Description of Works	Estimated Cost
Primary Schools		
Various Primary Schools	Provision of further security intruder alarms; CCTV warning signs	5,900
Chapelark PS	Install keypad mechanisms to doors; install inner doors and push bar to west door	4,000
Hayshead PS	Install CCTV system; re-locate school office to front door; carry out fencing works to infant playground.	17,100
Kirkriggs PS	Improve signage (Office & Huts); install security intruder alarm within main building	2,100
Lochside PS	Install security intruder alarm	1,500
Maisondieu PS	Install security lintruder alarm	3,000
Mattocks PS	Install CCTV door entry; carry out fencing works	2,500
Monikie PS	Carry out fencing works	500
Northmuir PS	Improve security for ICT equipment; install security intruder alarm;	3,000
	improve internal building security	
Pitkenedy PS	Install security grills following break-in	500
St Thomas RC PS	Improve fencing	1,500
Southesk PS	Improve fencing	1,500
Tannadice PS	Install security bollards	500
Timmergreens PS	Completion of new office at school entrance	4,400
Warddykes PS	Install security door and screen at school entrance	2,000
	Sub Total	50,000
Secondary Schools		
Various Secondary Schools	Provision of CCTV Data Protection items; CCTV warning signs	3,200
Arbroath Academy	Extension to existing CCTV system; improve exterior lighting	11,200
Arbroath HS	Extension to existing CCTV system; improve security doors and perimeter fencing	16,000
Brechin HS	Completion of office at main entrance; extension to existing CCTV system; improve security lighting; install panic attack alarms	22,200
Carnoustie HS	Extension to existing CCTV system; improve security lighting; renew south fence, incorporate gate.	40,500
Forfar Academy	Additional external CCTV Cameras; upgrade school office to improve security surveillance; improve security lighting	22,000
Monifieth HS	Extension to existing CCTV system; install additional door entry systems	8,000
Montrose Academy	Extension to existing CCTV system; improve security lighting	6,200
Webster's HS	Extension to existing CCTV system	700
	Sub Total	130,000
	TOTAL	180,000