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Cabinet

23 February 2004

BUDGET STRATEGY 2004/2005 to 2006/2007
CRIME AND DISORDER – SERVICE DEVELOPMENT BIDS

Report of the Corporate Director of Housing

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider allocation of the 2004/05 £100,000 growth budget for crime and disorder

2. Summary

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2.3 Funding made available in 2002/03 and 2003/04 has been allocated as follows:

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ASBO's legal costs (Hsg)	£5k	£0	£5k
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2.4 The attached appendices, detail 4 bids forwarded by departments for consideration these are:

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and disorder Best Value Improvement Plan. (Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal)

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2.5 These bids were considered by Corporate Directors Board on 2nd December 2003, which supported the bids made by the Community Safety Team and Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder to implement the Crime and Disorder Best Value Improvement Plan.

3. Recommendations (or OPTIONS)

3.1 Cabinet is asked to consider the above bids and agree that £60,000 should be allocated to the Community Safety Team to improve corporate co-ordination of crime and disorder and £40,000 be allocated to employ a Partnership Manager for Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder both subject to the approval of the Crime and Disorder Best Value Improvement Plan.

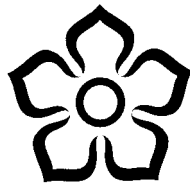
4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

4.1 There is budget provision of £100k for this purpose in the Departmental Revenue Strategy for Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal. The proposals in this report will not exceed £100k.

4.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the Leicester area. Section 17 of the Act provides that the Council has a duty to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can, to prevent crime and disorder in its area

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2. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. Financial Implications

- 1.1 The amount previously made available in 2002/03 and 2003/04 is £100,000
- 1.2 Four bids have been received totaling £169,600
- 1.3 The two recommended priorities together come to a total of £100,000 and are reflected in the Departmental Revenue Strategy for Cultural Services & Neighbourhood Renewal.

2. Legal Implications

Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 provides that the City Council has joint responsibility with the Leicestershire Constabulary for formulating and implementing a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the Leicester area. This function has to be exercised in co-operation with other bodies such as the Probation Service, which now locally form the Crime and Disorder Partnership.

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3. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	YES	Crime and disorder disproportionately effects people living in deprived areas and people from minority ethnic communities.
Policy	YES	The Council will shortly undergo a CPA inspection of crime and disorder, which will look at corporate co-ordination and authority input to Leicester partnership Against Crime and Disorder. Equally, tackling anti-social behaviour and encouraging reparation by young offenders are polices supported by the Council.
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	YES	If the above recommendations are approved, the funding will support long term changes to the way the council corporately responds to crime and disorder.
Human Rights Act	NO	
Elderly/People on Low Income	YES	Elderly people are generally more affected by the fear of crime than the general population. Crime and disorder disproportionately effects people living in deprived areas.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

4. CONSULTATIONS

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APPENDIX 1

Recommended for priority

Community Safety Team – service improvements for corporate co-ordination of crime and disorder	
<p>Actions</p> <p>Agree transfer of partnership responsibilities plan and timetable with LPACD</p> <p>Appendix R review of CST posts</p> <p>Training in new roles for CST members.</p> <p>Enhance Team leader post to become new Corporate Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Recruit Senior Development Officer.</p> <p>Design, launch and support corporate awareness campaign</p> <p>Convene and facilitate service strategic planning groups on burglary reduction and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Support development of crime and disorder service plans and PI's.</p>	<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Single point of contact for external and service enquiries.</p> <p>Improved response to customers on C&D issues from service managers. Cost of services identified, and clear targets established.</p> <p>Dedicated support to Partnership Action Groups</p> <p>Specialist policy support for Elected Members</p> <p>Policy, data analysis, and training support to service managers and Partnership Action Groups</p>
<p>Overall cost:</p> <p>£60,000 costs of new LCC posts.</p>	

Appendix 2

Recommended for priority

Development of the Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder	
<p>Actions</p> <p>Appoint partnership manager and assemble partnership support team</p> <p>Produce Partnership Development Plan</p> <p>Training for Partners and Action Groups</p> <p>Produce SMART Objectives linked to other strategies</p> <p>Produce Performance Management Framework to engage strategic partners</p> <p>Conduct strategic audit</p>	<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Dedicated citywide team and contact point for C&D enquiries and information.</p> <p>Training for members of local Action Groups</p> <p>Facilitate service planning for partners</p> <p>Extensive public information and consultation on priorities for the next three year strategy.</p>
<p>Overall cost:</p> <p>Partnership Manager (estimated PO5): £40,000 p.a., (inc. on-costs),</p> <p>Partnership Support Team: two seconded posts from CST, two from Police. An outline bid for NRF support has also been submitted to pay for other posts in the team.</p>	

Appendix 3

<p><u>SERVICE AREA</u></p> <p>Youth Offending Service</p>	<p><u>Proposal No:</u></p>
<p><u>Details of Proposal</u></p> <p>One full-time permanent unqualified post to work with restorative processes on Referral Orders and enhanced staffing provision for core Youth Offending Team.</p>	
<p><u>Type of Growth</u></p> <p>To fund increased demand and improve service.</p>	
<p><u>Justification for Proposal</u></p> <p><u>Referral Orders</u> Referral Orders were introduced to Youth Offending Services in April 2002. Their focus was on first-time offenders, aimed at involving the community in administering justice. The value of Referral Orders is that the victim is always invited to take part in the process and reparation features on every order. This is to encourage the young person to take responsibility for their actions and to recognise the consequences of their behaviour. Referral Orders now make up a third of our orders. Figures indicate that each three month Referral Order costs on average £1,735 to operate, compared to an annual grant budget of £77,000 to cover salaries of a Co-ordinator, an Admin Officer and one Reparation Worker, supplied by the YJB. In 2003 our estimated number of Referral Orders will be in excess of 250, costing the YOS an estimated £443,375. A new post to oversee the reparation work on the orders would be a major benefit in response to the growth in this area.</p> <p><u>Enhanced staffing provision for core Youth Offending Team</u> The Leicester City Youth Offending Team has been fully operational since April 2000. Since that time however, its sphere of responsibilities has increased substantially, and the demands now placed on the YOT are both more wide-ranging and complex than those originally envisaged under the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998. Although the YOT has risen to the challenge, and welcomed these new initiatives, they have in themselves resulted in additional pressures in terms of management capacity, office space and the significant infrastructure requirements (particularly around HR & budget). The Youth Offending Team is committed to the delivery of high quality services and has demonstrated both locally and nationally that it has been responsive and effective in meeting the challenges that have been presented. To maintain this standard it is clear that additional and possibly differential resources are now required. Therefore the bid for £15,000 is to cover the above mentioned pressures in particular, employee costs.</p> <p>Please note that the 2002/2003 outturn figures mentioned below were entirely grant funded by YJB.</p>	

<u>Departmental Priorities Addressed</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing crime and disorder - Reducing the fear of crime - Working with victims - Reparation to the Community 			
<u>Date to be implemented from:</u> April 2004			
<u>Financial Implications of Proposals</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>	<u>2006/07</u>
<i>Referral Order: Unqualified salary - £22,600 + £2,000 travel costs</i>	£24,600	£24,600	£24,600
<i>Enhanced staffing provision for Youth Offending Team</i>	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
<u>Service Budget</u>		<u>2002/03 Outturn</u>	<u>2003/04 Budget</u>
Staff		£61,900	£0
Supplies & Services – one off payment towards equipment costs, e.g., Gardening equipment to expand our placements		£12,600	£0
Income (fully grant funded by YJB)		(£74,500)	£0
TOTAL		£0	£0
<u>Staffing Implications</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>	<u>2006/07</u>
Current service staffing (FTE)	65.0	65.0	65.0
Extra post(s) (FTE)	1.0	1.0	1.0
<u>Geographical Implications</u>			
City Wide			
<u>Effect on other departments and corporate priorities</u>			
N/A			
<u>Benchmarking Information</u>			
N/A			
<u>Other Service Implications</u>			
N/A			
Bid submitted by: Mary Compagnac, YOT Manager Date: 31/10/2003			

Appendix 4

Leicester City Council Crime and Disorder Fund 2004

Title: Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Description: The Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership has submitted a bid to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund for a citywide cross-tenure Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (LASBU). The Unit includes an ASB Response Team, which has the role of tackling problematic/serious cases of anti-social behaviour.

The bid to the NRF includes provision for five ASB Officers. However, as the team is citywide and cross-tenure, it is anticipated that demand for the services of the ASB Response Unit will be high. For this reason, we are seeking funding for additional ASB Officers from alternative sources. This bid seeks to establish funding for one ASB Officer.

The role of the ASB Officer will be to tackle problematic ASB cases, and will encompass a range of preventative, intervention, and enforcement actions. This includes facilitating mediation, identifying action plans, gathering evidence and building cases, and if necessary, taking full legal action against perpetrators of persistent and/or severe anti-social behaviour.

Funding Required: £30,000 (recruitment and salary)

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