



Leicester
City Council

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CABINET

4 APRIL 2005

**HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S REFERRAL TO
CABINET – ASB's and CRIME AND DISORDER ACTIVITIES**

Report of the Corporate Director of Housing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Cabinet of the Housing Scrutiny Committee's concerns on the future funding of the Leicester Anti-social Behaviour Unit.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report informs Cabinet of the Committee's concerns on how the service will be funded from 2006/7 when partner organisations funding ceases.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is **recommended** to note the Committee's concerns, welcome the work and progress made by the Anti-social Behaviour Unit during 2004/5 and instruct the lead Corporate Director for Crime and Disorder to develop proposals for the ongoing funding of the Unit as part of next years budget proposals.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Rod Pearson)

- 4.1 There are no financial implications at this stage, but clearly, if Members want to retain the current service then additional resources will have to be found.

5. AUTHOR

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Cabinet

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In considering the annual report on Anti-social Behaviour and Crime and Disorder Activities, the Housing Scrutiny Committee were advised that funding from partner organisations ceases at the end of the 2005/6 financial year. Unless additional funding is found, this will result in the service contracting and being targeted at Council tenants only.
- 1.2 The service currently receives, and expects to receive, the following funding to finance its activities:

	<u>2005/6</u>	<u>2006/7</u>
NRF	247,000	Nil
Home Office	32,000	Nil
BCA	96,000	Nil
HRA	60,000	60,000
HGF	Nil	200,000
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Total Available	435,000	260,000
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- 1.3 As Members will see from the above, the service faces a shortfall in funding from next financial year (2006/7) of £175,000.

2. HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S CONCERNS

- 2.1 In considering the report the Housing Scrutiny Committee were concerned that the service may have to contract or close, in some areas, unless additional resources can be found. The Committee wished this issue to be brought to the attention of Cabinet and the excellent progress made by the ASB Unit in tackling ASB in 2004/5.
- 2.2 The Committee wished Cabinet to secure funding to continue the work of the Unit from 2006/7 onwards and welcome the progress made during 2004/5.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

	Yes/No
Equal Opportunities	No
Policy	No
Sustainable & Environmental	No
Crime & Disorder	No
Human Rights Act	No

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

- 5.1 This report meets the Committee's overall Quality of Life Aim for the Department 'A decent home within the reach of every citizen of Leicester', and within that Key Objective 1 - To improve the condition of Leicester's housing stock and resolve unfitness in all sectors.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

6.1 Background Papers

Report of the Corporate Director of Housing on the Anti-social Behaviour Unit incorporating Crime and Disorder Activities to the Housing Scrutiny Committee on 10 March 2005.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No other departments have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8. Report Author

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