

Minute of Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership Funding Sub-Group 21 October 2003

In Attendance

Councillor Martin Greig (Chair) – Aberdeen City Council
Chief Superintendent Ian Paterson – Grampian Police
Jennie Biggs – JADAT
Doug Duthie – Aberdeen Safer Community Trust

Officer Present

Leslie Brown, Principal Development Officer – Office of Chief Executive, Community Development, in support

Apologies

Val Tweedie, Linda Leighton-Beck – NHS Grampian

1. Welcome and Introductions

Leslie Brown reminded the members of the sub-group that previously they had declared any interest in groups which had applied for funding. Members reaffirmed their previously stated interests and Councillor Greig added that he was joint Convenor of Grampian Police Board and had a full register of interests on Aberdeen City Council's website. Jennie Biggs indicated that she was also a regular subscriber to Aberdeen Cyrenians and Ian Paterson reminded the group of his connections through Grampian Police to the Architectural Liaison/CCTV Officer post.

2. State of Play

The Funding Sub-Group considered a report on the current status of the Crime Reduction Funding produced by Leslie Brown, including a balance statement and a copy of the feedback report to the Scottish Executive made in January 2003.

In relation to last year's application for funding for Global Rock Challenge, Jennie Biggs indicated that the JADAT had proposed that funding for this challenge could be mainstreamed through the Changing Children's Services Funding and were looking at a proposal going to the Aberdeen Children and Young People's Strategic Planning Group for mainstream funding.

Jennie Biggs passed on a query from Grahame Cronkshaw about the funding of youth projects and whether anyone was collating the funding of Diversionary Youth Work. It was suggested that there was a need to look at this strategically including an assessment of where and how this funding impacts on specific funding streams.

Doug Duthie reported that the budget for small grants administered by the Aberdeen Safer Community Trust was almost used up. He indicated that he would have a report for the next meeting of the Funding Sub Group. It was agreed that consideration would be given to additional funding for small grants this financial year if the budget was available at the next meeting.

3. Outstanding Decisions

- (a) The sub-group had before them copies of the application forms for the Aberdeen Foyer Music Discovery Project, Middlefield Community Project, Grampian Police Architectural Liaison Officer and Aberdeen Cyrenians. All these applications had been awarded part funding in the previous year with commitment to consider continuation of funding this financial year once the budget position became clear.

The following was decided:

- i. Aberdeen Foyer Music Discovery Project
It was agreed that this project would be fully funded, with £11,000 made available for this financial year and £6,416 in 2004/05.
It was agreed to approach Aberdeen Foyer to see whether they can identify opportunities for participants in this project to give performances before an appreciative audience as part of an assessment process. Global Rock was identified as one possibility.
 - ii. Middlefield Community Project
The group acknowledged the need for priority work in this area and agreed full funding of the application involving a commitment of £12,684 from this financial year and £25,368 for 2004/05.
 - iii. Architectural Liaison/CCTV Post
Decision on funding of this post was deferred meantime to allow Grampian Police to determine whether they can take on the continuation of funding of this post, to free up Crime Reduction Funding for other priority projects.
 - iv. Aberdeen Cyrenians
It was agreed to fully fund this application, with an additional £11,375 in this financial year and £23,000 in 2004/05.
- (b) JADAT Arrest Referral Application
The sub-group heard from Jennie Biggs that as yet the Northern Partnership had not heard from the Scottish Executive in relation to their application for a much larger Arrest Referral Scheme involving four full-time workers costing approximately £265,550, covering Highland as well as Grampian.

It was agreed that a decision on this application would be deferred to the next meeting of the Funding Sub-Group which would take place before the end of 2003. It was noted that the application paper would need to be revised and updated and even if a similar application went ahead it would not be for the whole of this financial year.

4. Proposals for Further Expenditure

The sub-group discussed the proposals in Leslie Brown's report about the allocation of any remaining funding for the current year and as appropriate for 2004/05. Ian Paterson indicated that he was currently Chair of Aberdeen Racist Incidents Partnership and would bring up the possibility of an application from the Partnership. It was agreed that the group would give consideration to proposals for further expenditure and discuss them at the next Funding Sub-Group.