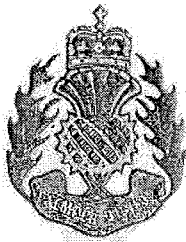


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P.O.L.I.C.E**REPORT TO GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD – 24 JUNE 2005**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To invite members of the Joint Police Board to approve the creation of a Community Partnership Fund and associated operating guidelines.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since its inception, Grampian Police has embraced the concept of partnership working. Over the years, we have rarely been in a position to fund small community projects and have had to look elsewhere for such funding.
- 2.2 It is proposed that monies from Lost Property Sales and Productions be used for funding community projects. Since November 2004, approximately £28,000 has been paid in and it is estimated that approximately £70,000 annually could be amassed.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 It is suggested that we keep some money in reserve as occasionally we have to return some of this property/money disposed of by the Productions Office (suggest £14,000).
- 3.2 It is also proposed that £20,000 is allocated to Aberdeen Division and £12,000 each is allocated to Moray, North and South Aberdeenshire Divisions. It is proposed to limit all normal applications to a maximum award of £500 with an upward limit of £2,000 for any exceptional applications.

4. **Scrutiny Panel**

- 4.1 It is obviously very important that a balance is struck between the desire to reduce the level of bureaucracy in administering the fund so as to minimise unnecessary delay and the need to provide an adequate audit trail.
- 4.2 It is proposed that bids will be scrutinised by the Divisional Commander (or Deputy) and a nominated member of the Joint Police Board whose ward is situated within the relevant Division. Chief Superintendent, Community Partnerships will have an overview of all bids.
- 4.3 All awards will be on the basis of written application made to the appropriate scrutiny panel. Details of successful applications will be presented to the Joint Police Board twice yearly. The Force will also request a follow up report from the applicants to ensure the funds were used effectively.
- 4.4 Appendix 'A' provides details of the themes which coincide with the Force's own priorities, the applicants and the criteria by which it is suggested, all applications will be judged.

5. **Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members of the Joint Police Board are invited to approve:
- (a) the creation of the Community Partnership Fund
 - (b) the scrutiny and reporting arrangements outlined in the report, and
 - (c) the Operating Guidelines set out in Appendix 'A'.



Chief Constable
08 June 2005

Community Partnership Fund
Operating Guidelines

Themes

(Applications must clearly relate to one or more of the priority themes below)

- Violent crime (including Domestic Violence)
- Drugs and Alcohol misuse
- Vandalism, Public Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Housebreaking
- Vehicle Crime
- Victim Support
- Community Empowerment (active citizenship)
- Public Reassurance

Applicant Bodies

(Applications may be received from the following bodies)

- Community Beat Officers
- Community Wardens
- Neighbourhood Officers
- * Crime Prevention Panel / *Community Safety Groups*
- Neighbourhood Watch

Assessment criteria

(Applications must be able to meet each of the following criteria)

- Clear outcomes set
- Evidence of partnership approach to issue (except for applications from Crime Prevention Panels or Neighbourhood Watch)
- Evaluation framework to be applied to project outlined within application
- Evidence of any match funding secured (not essential)

