

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee: 8 November 2006

Subject: Anti Social Behaviour Funding: Strathclyde Police

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with details of how the funding provided to Strathclyde Police under West Dunbartonshire Council's anti social behaviour budget is being spent.

2. Background

- 2.1** At a meeting of the Social Justice Committee on 12 April 2006 approval was given to provide Strathclyde Police with £100,000 to help assist their efforts in tackling crime and anti social behaviour in West Dunbartonshire.
- 2.2** This funding would be utilised to allow Strathclyde Police to proactively target anti social behaviour "hotspot" areas by deploying officers on overtime in areas where there is a disproportionately above average incidence of criminal and anti social behaviour.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Strathclyde Police identify "hotspot" areas through analysis and a tactical assessment and target resources at these areas to help alleviate crime and disorder.
- 3.2** A Service Level Agreement has been developed between Strathclyde Police and West Dunbartonshire Council that allows West Dunbartonshire Council and other Community Safety Partners including Elected Members to request additional resources in locations where there is evidence of serious and persistent anti social behaviour.
- 3.3** Between 1 June 2006 and 30 September 2006 June 2006, 1,892 hours of overtime have been used by the police to tackle hotspot areas
- 3.4** Appendix 1 provides details of the returns provided by Strathclyde Police. The table highlights the number of hours and location of where officers have been deployed and the results and detections from their overtime patrols.

3.5 The overtime patrols have been effective and the overall results indicate that there were:

- 2009 people searched
- 444 visits to licensed premises
- 86 contact cards issued
- 9 offensive weapons seized
- 231 detections for disorder
- 954 litres of alcohol seized

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues relating to this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications relating to this report.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The funding provided to Strathclyde Police has enabled the Police proactively to target anti social behaviour hotspot areas by deploying additional officers in areas where it is most required.

6.2 These additional patrols and subsequent detections provide reassurance to residents that action is being taken to tackle crime and disorder and helps contribute to making communities feeling safer.

7. Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is invited to note this report.

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Wards Affected:	1-22
Appendix:	Appendix 1
Background Papers:	Social Justice Committee Report 12 April 2006
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