
STAR PARTNERSHIP

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the StAR Partnership's progress with initiatives within the District of Rochford.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In February the Community Services Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members on the implications of further joint funding of the StAR Partnership. (Min 44/2002)
- 2.2 The report apprised Members with the historical background of StAR and that through joint agency funding, an appointment of the Community Development Worker was made with the postholder starting work in June 2000. It was agreed that she would be managed by the South Essex Health Authority in Rayleigh (through the Rochford Primary Care Group). The original geographic focus of the Partnership were the Roche and St Andrews Wards.
- 2.3 In the report, the Primary Care Group and South Essex Health Promotion confirmed that between them they had committed £32,880 for two years further joint funding of the Community Development Worker for 2002/04. The Community Development Worker is the only paid worker within the StAR Partnership.
- 2.4 Members were made aware that should the Council decide to continue to support the development and expansion of the StAR Partnership a sum of £12,000 from the Crime and Disorder Reserve would be needed to joint fund the Community Development Worker for a further year.
- 2.5 At that meeting it was resolved:
- That the project be funded for a further two years and regular bi-monthly progress reports be produced by the StAR Partnership in order to continually evaluate its effectiveness.
 - In view of the changes to Ward Boundaries in May 2002, the remit of the StAR project be extended to cover any area within the Rochford District that the Community Development Worker, under the guidance of the StAR Partnership, sees fit.
 - That a report be submitted by the StAR Partnership to the next

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee, detailing the views of the funding partners on this matter.

- 2.6 This report is attached for Members consideration. A representative of the StAR Project will be at the meeting to present the report and respond to Members questions as to its content.

3 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is recognised that that the ongoing and proposed initiatives of the StAR Partnership have an indirect impact upon the reduction of crime.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the report presented by the StAR Project. (CEx)

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