

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CO-ORDINATOR

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report advises Members of specific Home Office funding to employ an Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator for a period of two years. It seeks Members' endorsement to the take up of this money and the employment of such a Co-ordinator, who can work on the youth nuisance issues identified across the District.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 As part of the Government's agenda to tackle Anti-Social behaviour, in this year's funding round, the Home Office have announced a total of £50,000 grant funding to each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership specifically to employ a dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator. The grant funding has been split over two financial years - £25,000 for 2004/05 and £25,000 for 2005/2006.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 With funding from the Home Office now confirmed, it is now proposed to employ an ASBO Co-ordinator for the funded two years. On the basis of the emerging work programme, it is proposed in the first instance to employ the Co-ordinator on a part-time basis (22.5 hours); then as the agenda develops the hours can be increased if necessary. Any residual funding from the grant can be used to support the post and help ensure maximum impact. The post-holder will be employed by the District Council and will work with the Community Safety Team, other Council Divisions, the Police and other agencies who form part of the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- 3.2 As the power to obtain Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) rests with the Police (following consultation with the Council), in the first instance the Co-ordinator will be accommodated at Rochford Police Station. This should facilitate linkages and contacts with the Local Police Division, whilst the overall management responsibility and control of the work programme rests with the District Council.
- 3.3 A number of localities have already been identified as potential anti-social behaviour sites – Rochford Square, Clements Hall and environs, Spa Road, Hockley; and the Mill, Rayleigh. However, it is important that in looking at these areas, a coordinated and comprehensive approach is taken so that the problem is simply not just "moved on". The work of the ASBO Co-ordinator will need to be closely tied in with the other work on Community Safety and the wider agenda the Council is currently examining in connection with Youth issues.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is anticipated that the Co-ordinator post will assist greatly in identifying and tackling anti-social behaviour.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The post and associated costs, including on-costs, will be met through Home Office funding.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None for the appointment. However, the Coordinator will have to work within the growing legal framework in terms on Anti-Social Behaviour.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RECOMMEND** to Full Council

That the District Council employs a Co-ordinator for Anti-Social Behaviour Order for two years initially at 22.5 hours per week, using the Home Office funding granted for the Financial Years 2004/05 and 2005/06.

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Background Papers:

None

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