# HOME OFFICE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

### 1 SUMMARY

1.1 To apprise Members of the successful grant bid submitted to the Home Office in connection with the Partnership Development Fund.

#### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Earlier in the year the Rochford Community Safety Partnership was allocated £19,617 from the Home Office's Partnership Development Fund to be used to further improve and consolidate Partnership working.
- 2.2 On 12 July an urgent report was submitted to the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommending that:
  - A bid should be made to fund a one-year time limited post to deal with administration and information support across the Partnership. The employing authority would be the District Council. The gross costs associated with this temporary post would be approximately £14,826 (including 17.5% on cost) for the year. Following more detailed costing this figure is now £12,617.
  - Seek to secure funding to help support the costs of the consultation required. A bid for £5000 was suggested in relation to this. Following more detailed costing this figure is now £7000
- 2.3 The recommendations were approved and a bid was submitted and later accepted by the Home Office.

## 3 FURTHER DETAIL

- 3.1 The Home Office has now instructed that all awards must be claimed in their entirety by 28 February 2002 in order for the grant to be paid to the Council before 31 March 2002.
- 3.2 Awards can also be claimed from expenses already incurred during the current financial.
- 3.3 In view of the time scales, a temporary worker is being sought as soon as possible and the employment of an agency or seconded worker is being explored.

### 4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are many actions within the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy that will be affected by the funding.

### 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As detailed in this report.

### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS** 

That this report be noted and that a progress report be presented to the next Sub-Committee. (CPM)

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## **Background Papers**

None.

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