
THE COMMUNITIES AGAINST DRUGS INITIATIVE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To apprise Members of the funding being made available under the Government's 'Communities Against Drugs' initiative.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In April 2001, the Government announced the allocation of £220m over three years for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) in England and Wales to disrupt drugs markets, tackle drug related crime and strengthen communities.
- 2.2 The initiative is aimed at illicit drugs and is not intended to deal with problems or crime caused by alcohol or other substance misuse.
- 2.3 £50m has been allocated for 2001 – 2002, £70m for 2002 – 2003 and £100m for 2003 – 2004.

3. FUNDING ALLOCATED TO ROCHFORD DISTRICT

- 3.1 The sum allocated to Rochford District CDRP for 2001 – 2002 amounts to £59,300.
- 3.2 The allocation was decided using a funding formula based on a three-way calculation:-
- 20% of the funding divided equally between partnerships in England and Wales,
 - 30% of the funding based on the CDRP share of the population,
 - 50% of the funding based on acquisitive crime in each CDRP.
- 3.3 The formula for allocation will be reconsidered for years 2 and 3.
- 3.4 The money for this year, will be paid to local authorities in three instalments of 25%, 25% and 50%. There will be no bidding process.
- 3.5 Local authorities will make the money available to CDRPs when there is an agreed partnership plan to use the money that has been approved by the local Drug Action Team and local police commander.

4. CONDITIONS OF GRANT

4.1 The conditions of the grant have just been received and are still being studied. It is proposed that a further report be presented to the Community Services Committee on 2 October 2001, outlining the Rochford CDRP's proposals.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As detailed in this report.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As mentioned in this report.

7 RECOMMENDATION

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

That this report be noted and a further report be presented to the Community Services Committee on 2 October 2001. (CEX)

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Background Papers:

Home Office Circular 23/2001

'Communities Against Drugs' leaflet

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