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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV)– SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report appraises Members of proposals to continue the Secondary Schools Domestic Violence Awareness Programme during the 2002/2003 academic year and seeks approval for funds from the Crime and Disorder Reserve to be made available to support the Programme.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The report is in line with the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, Primary Objective 5: **Action 10** which seeks to continue to promote awareness of domestic violence in secondary schools.
- 2.2 The Rochford District Domestic Violence Panel and its counterpart in Castle Point Borough, together with representation from Essex County Council and Essex Police at Rayleigh have discussed a proposal to progress the action in all Secondary Schools with the assistance of a theatre company for the second year running.
- 2.3 Upon review of the 2001/02 Secondary Schools programmes, the feedback from students was very positive. Four Schools and approximately 1,000 pupils were targeted. The proposed programme will be targeting new students approaching year 9 in 2002/2003.

### 3 DETAILED PROPOSALS

- 3.1 There are a total of ten secondary schools in the two local authority areas; six in Castle Point Borough and four in Rochford District.
- 3.2 It is proposed that a theatre group will spend one day in each school and work with students from year nine raising awareness of DV issues. The work will be carried out during the 2002/03 academic year. Dates to be arranged.

### 4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report helps address the issue of Domestic Violence in accordance with the action plan in Rochford District's recently approved Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.

### 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed cost would be £6,400.

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- 5.2 Essex County Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy Co-ordinator has obtained a grant of £3000 towards the costs.
- 5.3 It is therefore proposed that the outstanding sum of £3,400 be shared between Castle Point Borough Council and Rochford District Council in the ratio to the number of schools within each local authority area. It has been agreed that Castle Point Borough Council provides their proportioned costs of £2,000, therefore the cost for Rochford District would be £1400.
- 5.4 An amount of £95,000 was set aside to support the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy. The balance now stands at £36,721.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To agree funding support of £1400 for the Secondary School Domestic Violence Awareness Programme. (CE)

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