PORTFOLIO:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Report of Portfolio Holder:

COUNCILLOR PATTINSON

Project Title Carlisle Pools Security

Funding Awarded £1,777.00

£5330

Details

Analysis drew attention to a significant number of thefts from lockers at Carlisle Pools.

A programme of improvements was drafted by the complex manager in conjunction with Police Crime Prevention Officers to upgrade security in general by improving existing lockers and CCTV coverage. Funding was obtained was obtained from other sources and the partnership were requested to match fund. Analysis since implementation of the measures suggests a huge reduction in offences.

Project Title Cumbria Retail Crime Initiative

Funding Awarded £9,800.00

Details

The partnership in association with Cumbria Chamber of Commerce is pursuing the Home Office Safer Shopper Award, designed to attract more shoppers to the city centre. In order to meet the criteria of the award and to address the aims of the 1999-2002 strategy in relation to shop theft, the Chamber drew together a comprehensive training package aimed at city centre retail staff, a series of events aimed at promoting membership of CRAC (Carlisle Retailers Against Crime - formerly Shopwatch) and Pubwatch and an awareness campaign in schools of the consequences of retail crime. The initiative is still in the process of being delivered and application has been made to the Home Office in respect of the award.

Project Title Belle Vue School CCTV
Funding Awarded £3,500.00

Details

Belle Vue Neighbourhood forum identified a problem with burglaries, attempted burglaries and criminal damage at Belle Vue School. This was backed up with analysis of crime reports and records. Match funding was made available via the Neighbourhood Forum budget and the school itself contributed. An evaluation is expected in the near future.

Project Title Harraby Door security Project

Funding Awarded £900.00

Details

The local community police officer in Harraby identified that certain properties were vulnerable to burglary and many residents had in fact been victims and repeat victims within the last year due to inadequate locks being installed on front doors. These locks were all in housing specifically designed for elderly persons. The Housing department match funded this project.

Project Title Gardenia Street Security Fence

Funding Awarded £1,000.00

Details

Again local community intelligence provided evidence that damage to a fence led to further damage to property in Currock. The partnership approved a bid for match funding from the Head of Design.

Project Title DRG Little Blue Book

Funding Awarded £3,500.00

Details

Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service (CADAS) on behalf of the Carlisle Drugs Reference Group (DRG) and the partnership, produced a pocket sized information booklet about the effects of a variety of illegal and legal substances. This has been distributed to persons believed to be at risk.

Project Title Botcherby Grove Residential

Funding Awarded £1,599.00

Details

This was the final element in the Botcherby Burglary Reduction Initiative and involved two residential events for those young people who had volunteered for other community projects as part of the scheme. The course was ran in conjunction with CADAS who provided advice sessions on substance misuse.