

CABINET

Urgent Business Report Quick Response Vehicle

Report of Head of City Council (Direct) Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To outline funding arrangements for the quick response vehicle and 2 staff for 2009/10				
Key Decision	X	Non-Key Decision		Referral from Cabinet Member
Date Included in Forward Plan	N/A Requirement Waived.			
This report is public				

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Cabinet accepts the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership offer to provide £60,000 to fund the quick response vehicle and 2 staff for 2009/10.
- (2) That the General Fund Revenue Budget is updated accordingly.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's target time for dealing with reports of fly tipping is 3 working days. One of the priorities of the neighbourhood management project undertaken by the West End Partnership and Poulton Neighbourhood Management was to improve the environment of the area. To help achieve this they funded a quick response vehicle (QRV) and 2 staff that would reduce the time taken to deal with reports of fly tipping to 1 working day. The vehicle and staff were provided and managed by City Council (Direct) Services
- 1.2 In terms of providing an immediate response to fly tipping, reducing incidents of arson and other types of anti-social behaviour this approach has been successful.
- 1.3 As the neighbourhood management project has come to an end this funding is no longer available.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 A bid to continue to fund the QRV and 2 staff in 2009/10 was submitted to the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP). The outline of the bid was the

QRV would provide a similar type of service but within defined 'hotspot' areas throughout the whole of the District.

- 2.2 For 2009/10 the revenue funding required to operate the QRV is estimated to be £60,000. The LDLSP have offered to contribute the whole of the funding requirement for 2009/10.

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 None as a result of this report

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 4.1 **Option 1-** to accept the offer of funding from the LDLSP
- 4.2 **Option 2-** to not accept the offer of funding from the LDLSP

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

- 5.1 The Officer preferred option is option 1. The service is consistent with a number the Corporate priorities and will contribute to the corporate aim of maintaining the cleanliness of the District as well as targets within Lancashire's Local Area Agreement.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 The report outlines funding arrangements for the QRV in 2009/10.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

'To make our district a cleaner and healthier place' is a priority within the corporate plan.

Lancashire's Local Area Agreement sets targets for cleanliness which this District contributes to.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

The types of environmental issues the QRV deals with (eg flytipping, dumping of bin bags) are a major concern to residents, impact on the environment, create an arson risk and attract further anti-social behaviour.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The scheme is funded in full from external resources and the management costs associated with running the scheme are negligible and can be absorbed within existing budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 officer has been consulted and has no comments to add

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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