

## **SE18. Following the Public Pound - Public Protection**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting reporting statements for organisations funded under the Following the Public Pound (FPP) arrangements for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 for the Council's public protection outcome including alcohol, drugs and community justice.

Funding was provided, by Corporate and Housing Services, Children's Services and Development Services to 7 external organisations to provide services which could not readily be provided by the Council. As part of the arrangements, monitoring statements had been prepared, by the relevant monitoring officer for consideration by the committee for 5 of the organisations.

The 7 organisations were:-

| <b>Organisation</b>   | <b>Monitoring Service</b>             | <b>Annual Funding</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>SACRO – Youth Justice</b>  | <b>Children's Services</b>            | <b>£100,664</b>       |
| <b>Forth Valley Family Support</b>                                    | <b>Corporate and Housing</b>          | <b>£11,560</b>        |
| <b>Committed to Ending Abuse (Falkirk &amp; District Women's Aid)</b> | <b>Corporate and Housing Services</b> | <b>£175,802</b>       |
| <b>Central Scotland Fire and Rescue</b>                               | <b>Corporate and Housing</b>          | <b>£4,798</b>         |
| <b>Falkirk BID - Taxi</b>   | <b>Corporate and Housing</b>          | <b>£20,000</b>        |
| <b>Falkirk BID – Delivery &amp; Promotion of Town</b>                 | <b>Development Services</b>           | <b>£78,309</b>        |
| <b>Cyrenians</b>  | <b>Children's Services</b>            | <b>£173,305</b>       |

The Forth Valley Family Support Project was tendered and as such monitoring was included as part of the contract monitoring procedure and as such was not reported. Similarly the Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Project funding falls below the reporting threshold of £10,000.

Following a question in regard to the Committed to Ending Abuse Project the Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement undertook to provide information, from Police Scotland, on whether it was the case that domestic abuse increased when Old Firm football matches took place.

Members praised the Taxi Marshalling Service and asked whether local businesses contributed funding to the project. The Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement stated that while they did not, many contributed in kind, for example by providing food to marshals. Discussions were ongoing with taxi operators in regard to the extent of their contribution to funding for the project.

The committee considered the Falkirk Bid Project – delivery and promotion of town centres and asked whether, in light of the closure of Marks and Spencer, there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development and the Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement responded that there was evidence to suggest an increase in regard to the closure of Marks and Spencer. Mr Duff confirmed that work was ongoing to attract businesses to the town centre. In the main these had recently been small independent businesses, Cow Wynd business, as an example and suggested that the trend in future would be for similar businesses to move into the town centre, rather than large traditional stores.

Following a question, Ms Campbell outlined the work of the Cyrenians. Largely the work undertaken by the organisation was 'on request' and undertook to establish a generic email inbox so that the organisation could be easily contacted.

### **Decision**

**The committee approved the reports and acknowledged progress by the following organisations in meeting Council priorities:-**

- (1) SACRO – Youth Justice**
- (2) Forth Valley Family Support**
- (3) Committed to Ending Abuse (Falkirk & District Women's Aid)**
- (4) Central Scotland Fire and Rescue**
- (5) Falkirk BID – Taxi Marshalling**
- (6) Falkirk BID – Delivery & Promotion of Town Centres**
- (7) Cyrenians**