



Report to Cabinet

Subject **Funding for Neighbourhood Wardens and Police Community Support Officers**

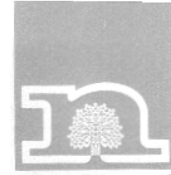
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A letter has been received from the Deputy Leader of the County Council suggesting that the County Council might be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of providing Neighbourhood Wardens and PCSOs in the Borough and also asking whether the Borough Council is prepared to increase its own expenditure on these matters. A copy of the letter received from the Deputy Leader of the County Council is attached to this report.

Members are reminded that this Council currently provides funding of up to £130,000 per annum to Nottinghamshire Police to enable them to employ an additional six PCSOs in the Borough on top of the six that they provide out of other funds. The Council also currently employs four Neighbourhood Wardens at a total cost of £153,000 per annum.

The Cabinet is asked to consider a response to this letter.



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TO: ALL DISTRICT/BOROUGH CHIEF EXECUTIVES

Dear Colleague

**Re: TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**

Together with our partners, the County Council is committed to supporting local communities in tackling anti-social behaviour. One of the most direct ways that we feel we can support local efforts is through Neighbourhood Wardens, which have been evaluated positively both nationally and locally, and through Police Community Support Officers, which are new and are beginning to have an impact.

In 2005/6 we would like to provide mainstream County Council funding for Neighbourhood Wardens/PCSOs in Nottinghamshire. To enable us to do this we would propose, initially, to match the funding that District/Borough councils are currently investing in these services and would ask whether District/Borough councils would increase their investment if further matched funding from the County Council was available. We are interested in services that have been mainstreamed and are not funded from the variety of area-based funding streams (such as Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Management etc), which inevitably are time limited.

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I would, therefore, be grateful if you would write to inform me of:

a) your authority's current spend on Neighbourhood Wardens/PCSOs and how many Wardens/PCSOs this pays for

and

b) your authority's Interest in increasing its funding of Wardens/PCSOs (and if so by how much) if the County Council was to provide further matched funding (for the next three years at least).

Once I have received responses from all chief executives I will be in a position, early in the New Year, to inform you of how the County Council budget could be allocated in 2005/6 and in future years.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Leader of the County Council