



## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject** Funding for Neighbourhood Wardens

**Date** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005

**Author** Chief Executive

Further to Minute 117 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005, I attach at Appendix 1 to this report a copy of the letter which was forwarded in accordance with the Cabinet's instructions to the Deputy Leader of the County Council.

I attach at Appendix 2 to this report a copy of a letter which I have since received from the Director for Culture and Community Services at the County Council which seeks to clarify the position of the County Council on this matter and suggests that it be the subject of discussions between the Deputy Leader of the County Council, an appropriate Member from this Council and the Police Divisional Commander.

Member's instructions on this proposal are requested.

**Appendix 1**

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**RE: PROVISION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

Dear Mr Kirkham,

Further to your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2004, your offer of funding with regard to the provision of PCSO's and Neighbourhood Wardens in the Borough was considered by our Cabinet at its meeting held yesterday evening.

This Council currently provides funding of up to £130,000 per annum to Nottinghamshire Police to enable them to employ an additional six PCSO's in the Borough on top of the six currently provided by the Police out of their own funds. The Council also currently employs four Neighbourhood Wardens at a total cost of £153,000 per annum. Gedling's Cabinet accordingly welcomes and accepts your offer of matched funding in order to enable us to double this provision in the Borough. I look forward to receiving details as to how and when this additional funding will be provided as soon as possible. Obviously, the sooner we receive this information then the sooner we will be able to put in place the necessary recruitment and training arrangements so as to be able to get the additional officers in place.

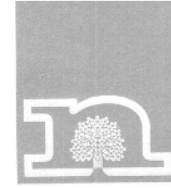
Yours sincerely,

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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## Appendix 2



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Dear Peter

### **Financial support to Neighbourhood Warden Schemes and Police Community Support Officers**

Further to our discussion at last week's Chief Executive's meeting, I am writing to clarify the Council's stance regarding the above.

Firstly, with the Council's budget now set, I can confirm that the Safer Communities budget in 2005/6 commits £500,000 to tackling anti-social behaviour.

Secondly, following the Deputy Leader's letter of enquiry in December 2004 concerning this issue, it became clear that a wide disparity in approach and current investment exists between individual districts and boroughs. It is therefore clear that local discussions are needed around the county to tailor arrangements for allocation of this funding, discuss longer term issues of mainstream matched funding and sustainability and ensure best impact is achieved in tackling anti-social behaviour in each district and borough. For this purpose, our Deputy Leader is proposing to meet with the Leader of your council, or nominated Member representative, supported by appropriate officers, and the Police Divisional Commander to take these discussions forward. After this initial discussion it would then be possible to take proposals to the wider Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to seek their views and agreement.

It is the intention to push forward with this over the coming months, the election period and outcomes notwithstanding Leader's office.

I hope that this is clear. Please let me know if there are any points requiring further clarification or information



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