

Report

Report to: Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority

Date of Meeting: 2 September 2011

Report by: Chief Officer

Subject: Cashback/Payback Monies

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - ♦ Inform Members about the progress locally of the Cashback/Payback initiative

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The CJA is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the report be noted

3. Background

- 3.1. At the Board meeting of 3 June 2011 Members were informed that Lanarkshire CJA could potentially be allocated £0.5million to support unpaid work by offenders subject to successful funding bids. The potential £0.5million is divided into two parts £125k for the "Project Initiation Fund" and £375k for the "Payback Sports Facilities Fund".
- 3.2. The "Project Initiative Fund" is intended to allow Local Authorities to buy materials and equipment for use in unpaid work projects. The CJA have asked both Local Authorities to agree what materials and equipment they would wish to purchase. Once we are content the Local Authorities proposal meets the criteria laid down by the Government it will be forwarded to the Criminal Justice Directorate for confirmation that the terms of the grant scheme have been met prior to expenditure taking place.
- 3.3. The "Payback Sports Facilities Fund" is intended to promote the rehabilitation of offenders and improve sports amenities available to communities. The CJA has provided the Local Authorities with a brief overview of the Governments criteria for these funds and our own added preference for fairness, transparency and geographical spread throughout the communities of Lanarkshire.
- 3.4. Both Local Authorities have agreed to undertake the following tasks:
 - Compile a list of funding bids from each Local Authority.
 - Compile any agreed joint bids (similar to the successful Children's Games Bids).
 - Take part in a funding panel in order to compile a final package for onward transmission to the Government.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. Not significant

5. Financial Implications

5.1. Lanarkshire stands to gain up to £0.5million

6. Other Implications

6.1. None known

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report.
- 7.2. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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List of Background Papers

Project Initiative Fund Guidance – Scottish Government
Payback Sports Facilities fund Guidance – Scottish Government
Payback Sports Facilities Fund Guidance – LCJA

Contact for Further Information

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