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SUBJECT:	Crime and Disorder Projects	REF: SB/LJW
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members agree to the District Council submitting funding applications for SRB6 and Rural Priority Initiative funds for the identified projects.
- 1.2 Members accept the offer of funding from Derbyshire County Council for the projects identified in the report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Members of proposed projects to reduce crime and disorder in South Derbyshire and seek their agreement for the Council to act as the applicant for funding towards these projects.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Following the publication of the 2002 South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Strategy, officers have been examining the potential for attracting external funding to enable the delivery of projects which will meet the strategies priorities.
- 3.2 Applications have already been submitted to Derbyshire County Council and further opportunities are available through SRB6 and the Rural Priorities Initiative.

Derbyshire County Council

Three projects have been developed which have been assessed and provisional grants awarded. The partnership funding has come from a variety of sources for each of these projects, including the Partnership budget, Youth Service and existing District Council budgets. The projects are:

Mini Alarm Scheme - provision of mini alarms to vulnerable people.

Cost of Project £3,000. Derbyshire County Council Grant £1,500.

Youth Shelter Pilot - the provision of a youth shelter in Linton through a partnership between the Parish Council, Police, Youth Service and District Council.

Cost of Project £7,500 . Derbyshire County Council Grant £3,500.

Neighbourhood Risk Assessment - a pilot project utilising GIS mapping to reduce the potential for criminal activity in a neighbourhood. Neighbourhoods would be audited and environmental improvements and crime prevention works undertaken.

Cost of Project £10,000. Derbyshire County Council Grant £3,500.

SRB6 - Newhall and Woodville

Outline projects have been submitted to the Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Partnership and a formal application is now sought. Again the partnership funding from these projects will be provided by partners or the Officer time of staff used as a contribution.

Anti Burglary Project - a scheme of target hardening houses through the provision of burglar alarms and other crime prevention equipment which will offer support to victims of burglary and reduce the incidence of distraction and sneak in burglaries. The Project will target Newhall and Woodville.

Cost of Project £30,000. Grant sought £15,000.

Woodville Recreation Ground - a scheme to floodlight the recreation ground to reduce the level of criminal damage and anti social behaviour and provide a safer environment for local people to use the facility.

Cost of Project £20,000 . Grant sought £10,000.

Rural Priority Initiative (Rural Parishes)

Youth Facility Project - the provision of youth leisure facilities such as shelters and basketball posts in two or three areas which have high levels of youth related anti social behaviour. The facilities will be provided in partnership with Parish Councils, Youth Service, Police and the District Council.

Cost of Project £40,000. . Grant sought £20,000.

- 3.3 The above projects are at an early stage in their development but have been accepted by potential funders as meeting relevant criteria and having appropriate outputs.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The projects identified above will be funded from partnership sources, the Crime and Disorder Partnership budget and the contribution of officer time.
- 4.2 The only resources required from the Council will be officer time from the Community Safety Officer and Community and Leisure Development Manager whose time can be used as matched funding against the grant aid applied for.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The proposed projects will contribute to all Council's objectives in particular the objective to 'promote the health and welfare of all sections of the community' of by reducing burglary, criminal damage and anti social behaviour, improving the environment and reducing the community's fear of crime.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The projects will support the community by developing partnerships at a local level which will lead to a reduction in crime and anti social behaviour, improve the environment and provide young people with their own facilities and meeting places.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The proposed projects are designed to reduce the crime and disorder which has been prioritised in the 2002-05 strategy.
- 7.2 If successful the projects will attract significant funding from external sources in return for no direct increase in spending by the District Council.
- 7.3 The projects will be delivered by a variety of partnerships which will pull together statutory agencies such as the Police, Youth Service and Parish Councils as well as voluntary bodies including the Council for Voluntary Service and Neighbourhood Watch.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Crime and Disorder Files CD1-10.

