

NORTH TYNESIDE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND - SUCCESSFUL BID FOR FUNDING**Joint Report of the Chief Constable, Clerk and Treasurer**

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise members of a successful bid made through the North Tyneside Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, for the provision of a team of officers to form a Transport Disorder Team.

2 BACKGROUND

The Government's National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal has, as part of its vision, an intention to lower crime in the most deprived areas of the country. North Tyneside Council has been awarded funding to implement a local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.

North Tyneside Area Command has made a successful bid for Neighbourhood Renewal funding of £400,000 for 3 years from the North Tyneside Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, with the funding for years 2 & 3 being subject of evaluation results. The funding will cover the cost of a CCTV equipped vehicle and one sergeant and three constables, who will work as a dedicated Transport Disorder Team. A further £20,000 per annum for the three years will be contributed to the project from the North Tyneside Basic Command Unit Fund, which members were advised of at their meeting of 23 April 2003 (minute 13 - 2003/04).

The team will specifically target disorder linked to the transport infrastructure, including the Metro System, bus routes, private hire / hackney carriages and the designated cycle network. Disorder in these areas generates a substantial number of calls to Northumbria Police and the British Crime Survey indicates that disorder linked to transportation is a major factor contributing to the fear of crime.

3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Although there are no direct human rights implications arising from the report itself, the provision of a Transport Disorder Team does have human rights implications in that the Force has a duty to promote human rights. The work of these officers may be said to promote the 'right to life', the 'right to respect for private and family life' and the 'peaceful enjoyment of property'.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Treasurer confirms there are no other financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

In order to ensure there are no costs to the Authority beyond the expiry of the funding, an appropriate exit strategy will be devised.

6 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the contents of the report.