



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th February 2006

**DSS5 KEMPSEY ASSISTANCE PATROL
FILE: 558 GRW**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the decision to delay the review of the Kempsey Assistance Patrol scheduled for 28 December 2005.



DESCRIPTION:

At its meeting of 13 December 2005, Council resolved to review of the operations of the Kempsey Assistance Patrol (KAP) in order that the issue could be considered by Council at its February 2006 meeting.

Clr Hunt and the Manager of Community and Lifestyle Services made tentative arrangements to conduct the review over the period commencing 28 to 30 December 2005.

On the 21 December 2005 the KAP Coordinator was informed that the CDEP Manager had approved leave for all CDEP employees employed via the KAP project. This effectively meant that all employees would be on leave commencing 21 December 2005 to 1 February 2006.

In previous years CDEP employees employed via the KAP Project took annual leave in two shifts, effectively leaving a skeleton crew operating over the Christmas New-Year period.

The KAP Coordinator advised that the decision to allow CDEP staff to take leave over this period had been made without consultation. The KAP Coordinator then went on annual leave as a result of her inability to find suitable replacements to operate the service over this period.

It is anticipated that the KAP Service will resume on the 1 February 2006 when some of the CDEP staff returned from leave.

At this stage it is envisaged that the review of the KAP service will take place in mid February 2006, with a report presented to Council at its March meeting.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

There are no environmental implications

- *Social*

It was expected that there would be an upsurge of anti social behaviour over the Christmas New Year period as a result of the KAP service temporarily ceasing operations. At the first meeting of the Crime Prevention Working Group held in January 2006, Police confirmed that there was no increase in anti social behaviour over this period.

However, the service was not available to assist its target audience, youth at risk.

- *Economic (Financial)*

It is hoped that the review of the KAP service scheduled for February 2006, will identify the value of the service measured in terms of financial inputs against social gains.

- *Policy or Statutory*

There are no policy or statutory implications emanating from this report.

- *Director's Review*

Communication channels with CDEP workers will be reinforced to ensure greater lead time for leave arrangements in future.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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