

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 11 MARCH 2013

REPORT ON: FUNDING TO DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTARY PROJECTS

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report identifies budgets for the ongoing programme of voluntary projects to be funded through the resources available to Dundee City Council and the Dundee Partnership following the mainstreaming of the former Fairer Scotland Fund.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to approve the allocation of one year funding to voluntary projects as set out in Appendix 1.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of funding recommended for the year 2013/14 is £2,180,653 and will be met from the revenue budgets in the Chief Executive's Corporate Division.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 11 January 2010 (Report No 19-2010) agreed to fund a programme of projects delivering activity to tackle deprivation in the city. Budgets were allocated for three years to 2012/13.
- 4.2 All projects have been subjected to quarterly performance monitoring and annual assessments from strategic lead officers within the Council and across the Partnership. They have been assessed as continuing to make a significant contribution to improving outcomes such as health, learning, employability and capacity building for young people and families living in community regeneration areas.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 gives a summary of the purpose, target group and performance in 2012/13 to date.
- 4.4 Table 1 below contains proposed 'standstill' funding for each project for the year 2013/14. Contracts will be managed by the relevant lead Council department and all reporting and contracting arrangements will be streamlined so that all projects will only be commissioned by one department.

Table 1

Dundee Partnership	2013/14 Allocations
Aberlour Outreach Dundee	43,000
Apex Scotland Link Worker	25,388
Art Angel	29,575
Barnardo's Works	77,942
Boomerang	56,356
Brooksbank Partnership	291,400

Dundee Partnership	2013/14 Allocations
CAIR Scotland - ECLIPS Lite	39,876
CAIR Scotland - The Web	12,000
Citizens Advice Bureau - Income Maximisation Project	141,685
Claverhouse Group - Lone Parents Project	66,127
Claverhouse Group - Support Employment	35,258
Craigowl Communities - Making Money Work	81,847
Craigowl Communities - Skills for Success	131,117
Craigowl Communities - Tenancy Sustainment Project	35,200
DEAF Action - Sound Sense	27,102
Dightly Environmental Group	11,449
Discovery Credit Union	50,004
Dundee Carers Centre	261,072
Dundee Employment & Aftercare Project	101,924
Dundee International Women's Centre	43,268
Dundee North Law Centre	188,060
Dundee Voluntary Action - Voluntary Sector Information & Development Worker	32,558
Dundee Women's Aid - Community Safety Worker	30,200
LEAD Scotland	32,000
Mill O' Mains Pavilion	25,404
One Parent Families Scotland - The 101 Project Link Workers	55,576
Save by the Bell	54,110
Under 12s Project	75,035
Volunteer Centre - Volunteer Friendly Standard Award	38,478
Volunteer Centre - Volunteer To Work Project	32,500
Women's Rape And Sexual Abuse Centre - Women's Support & Training	55,142
TOTAL PROJECT COST	2,180,653

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality and Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

- 5.2 There is a close relationship between the projects recommended for funding and the Council's Fairness Strategy and anti-poverty targets. The majority of the project's activities will target community regeneration areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012.
- 5.3 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and is available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>.

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 All departments and community planning partners have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- a) Equality Impact Assessment
- b) Policy and Resources Committee Report 19-2010, 11 January 2010

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Dundee Partnership Regeneration Funding Summary Report on Voluntary Sector Projects & Their Performance for April-December 2012

Project	Purpose	Comment on Project Performance (April to December 2012)	Target Group	Geographical Coverage
Aberlour Outreach Dundee	To reduce the impact of problematic parental substance misuse on children and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 31 parents, 3 carers, 19 children 14 parents report abstinence or reduced alcohol / drug use 12 children's supportive environment has improved 5 have better physical health 9 have better psychological health 10 have improved their engagement with education 	Children & Young People	City-wide
APEX Scotland Link Worker	To provide employability guidance to clients in Dundee and in particular provide specialist advice and guidance to those affected by substance misuse and / or may have a criminal record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 85 clients 23 progressed within the Employability Pipeline 81 of the clients have received relevant information relating to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. 	Employability	City-wide
Art Angel	To provide a wide spectrum of art activities and opportunities as a means of promoting self-expression, empowerment, recovery and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An average of 94 people attend the project each week, resulting in a total of 2,437 attendances up to the end of Quarter 3 65 clients have taken part in arts based events or exhibitions 27 people with mental health issues volunteer within the project 	Health	City-wide
Barnardo's Works Dundee	To assist young people in gaining secure, independent, sustainable employment in a variety of trades and jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 27 young people 11 have entered employment 7 have entered education or training 12 have completed a partial or full qualification Eight of those previously entering work have sustained this for at least six months 	Young People	City-wide
Boomerang	To make Stobswell a more vibrant and motivated community through the involvement of local people in various activities run by the centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 369 people have taken part in events run by the centre 316 have participated in physical activities, including 107 older people 68 have completed a programme of IT / work related learning 47 volunteers regularly support project activity 	Local Community	Maryfield

Project	Purpose	Comment on Project Performance (April to December 2012)	Target Group	Geographical Coverage
Brooksbank Partnership	To contribute to the reduction of the effects of poverty and social inequalities in the communities of Mid Craigie, Linlathen and in other regeneration areas as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footfall of 18,437 recorded • 285 households received 614 free or low cost pieces of safety equipment • Income for local residents has been increased by £678,701 • £662,720 of debts have been rescheduled • 29 volunteers regularly support project activity 	Local Community	East End
CAB Income Maximisation	To increase financial awareness and education and promote access to appropriate financial services for those who are financially excluded and those who support them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,225 separate issues relating to money / debt advice, financial inclusion and income maximisation were dealt with • 53 people received full debt advice • Confirmed income gains of £263,899 were made • There are 19 volunteers trained in giving Type 1 benefit / money advice and one for Type 2 benefit advice at present 	Financial Inclusion	City-wide
Claverhouse Lone Parents	To help lone parents gain employment or work experience through provision of employability training designed to overcome barriers preventing the move to employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has worked with 72 lone parents • 57 have gained a qualification • 9 have entered education or training • 50 have gained employment • 25 of those entering work have sustained this for at least six months (includes some 2011-12 clients) 	Employability	City-wide
Dighty Environmental Group	To maintain, improve and raise awareness of the Dighty Nature Corridor, which will provide a future for wildlife, the environment and be an interest and inspiration to local communities in Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 131 skips of rubbish removed from Dighty Burn and surrounding area • 8 regular volunteers involved in activity • Total of 5726 volunteer hours spent on activity 	Environment	East End
Discovery Credit Union	To encourage savings habits / asset building and provide access to affordable credit in order to help reduce poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership grown by 409 • Overall amount of savings has grown by almost £84,000 since April 2012 • 1,791 affordable loans have been agreed totalling £1,119,375 	Financial Inclusion	City-wide

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Dundee Carers Centre	To provide the highest quality information and services to carers, young carers and disabled people in Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has worked with 56 Adult and 103 Young Carers • 17 of the young carers have participated in Upbeet (employability) activities. • 53 young carers have obtained at least one accreditation / qualification • 41 families have been supported to reduce inappropriate caring roles • 60 people have increased income as a result of money advice from the project • 19 young carers achieved a positive destination, with 17 being sustained for at least six months 	Carers	City-wide
Dundee Employment & Aftercare Project	To provide job brokerage support and in-work aftercare to employability clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has worked with 441 clients • 218 have entered employment via the job brokerage service being provided • 14 have entered education / training • 62 of those entering work have sustained this for at least six months (includes some 2011-12 clients) 	Employability	City-wide
Dundee International Women's Centre	To develop services that will provide BME women with new opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 488 women have been worked with • 29 volunteers have supported project activity • Social Enterprises developed by the project continue employ 11 trainees, with the focus being on child care and catering businesses 	BME Women	City-wide
Dundee North Law Centre	To provide free legal advice, assistance and representation to individuals and community groups in regeneration areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 564 people have received money / debt advice • 372 people have had debt rescheduled, totalling £933, 386 • 329 people have had their income increased, totalling £1,116,609 	Financial Inclusion	City-wide

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ECLIPS Lite	To support individuals in community drug and alcohol rehabilitation to improve their physical and emotional wellbeing as part of their recovery and enable progress into further specialist employability programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 clients had engaged with the service • 11 of the clients (52%) have stabilised or reduced their levels of alcohol / substance misuse as a result of participation • 12 have progressed to the mainstream ECLIPS programme • Improvements reported by clients include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 improving physical health • 7 improving psychological health • 10 improving personal relationships • 10 improving confidence and self esteem 	Substance Misuse	City-wide
Healthy Living Initiative	To promote positive health and wellbeing by delivering health improvement activities identified by people living in areas of deprivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 people have taken part in weight management sessions • 1174 people have taken part in physical activity sessions • 285 people have attended a smoking reduction group • 1043 people have attended other one-off or short health related courses • 84 people have attended health coaching sessions • 488 individual health checks have been carried out 	Health	City-wide
LEAD Scotland	To enable disabled adults and/or their carers to access inclusive education, training and learning opportunities by supporting them to overcome barriers to their progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 disabled adults had accessed the service and been supported by between 7 & 10 volunteers at various points through the year • 4 clients have been assisted to access accredited learning • 28 clients have been assisted to access non-accredited learning • 6 clients have progressed to volunteering or employment • 18 clients have fed back that they have improved access to learning and made positive changes as a result of support from LEAD 	Adult Learning / Disabilities	City-wide
Making Money Work	To improve the financial knowledge and awareness of those who are potentially financially excluded so that they are able to make informed choices and improve their financial situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 782 people have received money / debt advice • 154 increased their income, with total gains of £467,046 recorded • For the 554 clients on the Employability Pipeline a total of 750 progressions to other pipeline provision have taken place 	Financial Inclusion	City-wide

Project	Purpose	Comment on Project Performance (April to December 2012)	Target Group	Geographical Coverage
Skills for Success	To work with people experiencing disadvantage, providing learning, training and employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 215 clients 122 have gained a partial or full qualification 9 have entered education / training A total of 437 progressions to other parts of the Employability Pipeline have been noted Most of the client-based feedback is due in Quarter 4 as part of an annual survey, but to date 29 clients have reported improved literacy / numeracy skills and 28 improved ICT skills 	Employability	City-wide
Sound Sense	To improve the quality of life for deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing people across Dundee through befriending, and providing deaf awareness training to frontline staff in a range of agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project has consistently had 17-18 active volunteers 27 Deaf people have been supported through befriending activities 9 activity workshops have been held for clients / volunteers in addition to the ongoing support provided 31 participants (volunteers or clients) have fed back positively in terms of improved confidence, knowledge and being able to participate in socialisation opportunities 	Health	City-wide
Support Employment	For participants to gain employment, work experience and participate in employability training to overcome barriers to employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 38 clients 12 have entered employment 1 has entered education / training 32 clients have reported improved confidence and motivation after participation in the programme 	Employability	City-wide
Tenancy Sustainment Service	To provide financial inclusion advice and support to help individuals and families sustain their tenancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 334 people have received money / debt advice 133 increased their income with total gains of £60,086 recorded 241 individuals have managed to maintain their tenancy for at least 26 weeks, with 200 of these being fully up to date with rent payments. 	Financial Inclusion	City-wide
The 101 Project (One Parent Families Scotland)	To help parents progress towards employment, training or volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has worked with 167 clients 150 progressions to other stages of the Employability Pipeline have been noted 80 clients have reported improved confidence as a result of support from the project 	Employability	City-wide

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The Pavilion	To promote the community spirit in the Mill O' Mains area, using the Pavilion to bring people together in positive activities initiated by local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has increased its footfall to over 5000 10+ different agencies have made use of the centre to host their activities e.g. drop-ins, information sessions 10 open events have been held for local community members e.g. fun days, information days 	Local Community	North East
The Web Project	To provide support for young people who are involved in risky behaviours such as sexual activity and drug or alcohol use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 236 young people engaged with to help them recognise risk taking behaviour In total there have been 1086 attendances at sessions about risk taking behaviour 167 young people have provided feedback indicating that their awareness of the implications had improved 5 clients have been engaged in one-to-one support to help reduce risk-taking behaviour 	Children & Young People	Maryfield
Under 12's Project	To promote the care and education of children and families through the provision of recreational activities during out of school hours and holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evening sessions are attended by an average of 11 children Lunchtime sessions are attracting an average of 17 children Parent and toddler groups attendance is consistently over 55 per week The number of children attending 10 or more times per quarter has risen to over 25 from a baseline of 20 in 2011-12 	Children & Young People	East End
Voluntary Sector Information & Development Worker	To provide relevant, up to date information to the Voluntary Sector; facilitate networking between organisations and promote opportunities for them to be involved in the Community Planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular e-bulletins and newsletters have been circulated and the DVA website maintained through this post 20+ voluntary agencies have been supported to improve their sustainability Community engagement work carried out includes supporting the Fairness Strategy consultation, ECYPM website training, Community Empowerment Bill consultation, and hosting an information sharing event on the integration of health & social care 	Voluntary Sector	City-wide
Volunteer Friendly Standard / Award	To develop and deliver the Volunteer Friendly Quality Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 organisations have been receiving ongoing support in developing their work with volunteers 7 have achieved the Volunteer Friendly Award 28 volunteers have positively fed back regarding their experience 	Voluntary Sector	City-wide

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Volunteer to Work	To ensure volunteering is recognised and promoted as a stepping stone towards employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has worked with 61 clients • 24 have been placed in a volunteering opportunity • 13 clients responded to follow-up after three months stating that they felt they had progressed towards employment as a result of volunteering 	Employability	City-wide
Women's Aid – Community Safety Worker	To provide information and support to women and children affected by domestic abuse so that they can live safely within their community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 personal safety risk assessments have been carried out • 17 Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Case Conferences (MARAC) meetings attended to represent victims • 52 women have been referred to additional provision • 29 are satisfactorily managing safety risks 	Community Safety	City-wide
Women's Support & Training	To provide quality support to the survivors of rape and sexual abuse, including workshops designed to increase confidence and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 women have been involved in workshops • 117 hours of 1:1 support has been provided • 89 women have reported improved personal safety skills or assertiveness 	Community Safety	City-wide