

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.3 Grants of £153,239 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence

will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£127,763	£124,177	£84,562	£103,567	£68,346	£508,415
Current Proposals	£2,325	£0	£52,026	£0	£98,888	£153,239
Still Available	£53,421	£108,818	£72,797	£110,484	£45,436	£390,956

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £153,239 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
- CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
- CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
- CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
- CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

6. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.

6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalising opportunities.

7. **CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.

7.2 Partnership agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications, and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

8. **BACKGROUND REPORTS**

8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW025	Looking Good	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To purchase and install steel seats/benches for triangular grass area surrounding local shops and school	£2,243	£2,000	£2,000
SG/NW026	Ardler 50+ Group	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Hire of coach and refreshments for trip to Musical Show in Arbroath to promote well being. Costs to cover transport to get elderly and vulnerable home safely in late evening.	£675	£325	£325
SG/NE020	Craft and Mosaic Group The Pavilion	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	This group has been successful in recruiting more members and the funding will be used to obtain more materials for the model making and sewing classes	£501	£501	£501
PEI/NE001	Murrayfield Gardens Environmental Improvements Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Improve an overgrown area of bushes and replace with monoblock	£4,400	£4,400	£4,400
PEI/NE002	Longhaugh Hill Environmental Improvements Phase 2/1 Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Tree and shrub planting to attract wildlife and create a natural haven for residents to enjoy	£11,000	£11,000	£11,000

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PEI /NE003	North East Dog Bin Renewal Environmental Health & Trading Standards	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Strategic replacement of bins with metal lockable version in various locations throughout the North East	£6,930	£6,930	£6,930
PEI /NE004	Longhaugh Road Football Pitch Repairs Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Refurbishment of football pitch between St. Luke's & Longhaugh Schools by providing soil and seeds in damaged areas	£265	£265	£265
PEI /NE005	Longhaugh Hill Environmental Improvements Phase 2/2 Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Repairs to capping and white light improvements	£7,543	£7,543	£7,543
PEI /NE006	Mill o' Mains/Dalclaverhouse Path Education Department	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Repairs to pathway from Mill o' Mains to Mill o' Mains Primary School	£11,976	£11,976	£11,976
PEI /NE007	Finlathen Park Leisure & Communities	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Refurbishment of concrete steps, supply and fit galvanised railings	£9,411	£9,411	£9,411

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SG/SE014	Morgan Academy FP	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute towards the refurbishment of a vacant shop to be used for clubrooms and for general community use	£30,040	£5,000	£5,000
SG/SE015	Compass Project	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase publicity materials to promote the compass project within the South East Area	£800	£800	£680
SG/SE016	Douglas Community Centre Fest & Furious	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute towards a Homecoming Event within the centre	£789	£330	£330
SG/SE017	Douglas Family Support Centre Social Work	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase equipment for infant massage courses and baby yoga sessions for local parents/carers	£736	£736	£676
SG/SE018	Hub Library & Learning Centre Leisure & Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase art materials and display board to be used in children's work within the library	£454	£454	£414

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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/SE021	Douglas Live & Kicking (Douglas Newsletter)	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To cover printing and delivery costs for 1 issue of the Douglas Live & Kicking community newsletter	£780	£780	£580
YD/SEY014	Peer Education Project Leisure & Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To part fund a residential for young people training to become Peer Educators within Craigie High School	£8,820	£1,800	£1,800
PEI/SE002	Brooksbank Centre Improvements Economic Development	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To improve ventilation to meeting areas. Create an outside space for clients and improve signage to building (award is less VAT)	£13,806	£13,806	£12,005
PEI/SE003	Dightly Picnic Area Fencing Dundee Contract Services	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To replace wooden fencing around the picnic area. To increase users safety and prevent vehicular access	£3,354	£3,354	£3,354
PEI/SE004	South East Play Area Upgrades Dundee Contract Services	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To match fund play area upgrades at Midlin park Midcraigie and The ABC park in Douglas	£107,786	£50,000	£50,000
PEI/SE005	Fairfield Sports & Leisure Club	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To carry out works on the club property to meet health and safety regulations required for use	£30,061	£24,049	£24,049