

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2013**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2013/14**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT NO: 443 -2013**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2013/14 and makes recommendations for grants in 2013/14.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the allocations to the Community Regeneration Forum for 2013/14 and funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £125,000 to each of the city's Community Regeneration Forums for the year 2013/14. The total budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in para 5.1
- 3.2 Grants of £ 1,579 are recommended from the allocations for 2013/14.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Policy and Resources Committee, 7 December 2009 approved Report No 591-2009 (Article No IV refers) which made funding available to Community Regeneration Forums to support local regeneration activity.
- 4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.
- 4.3 The rationale for the allocation of funding to Community Regeneration Forums was approved by Policy and Resources Committee, 22 February 2010, Report No 84-2010, (Article No III refers). Allocations of £125,000 per annum were made to wards which contained datazones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These were Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine. The recent Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012 confirms that these six wards contain the datazones in Dundee which are the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland. The West End and The Ferry wards have no datazones in this category.
- 4.4 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, 20 December 2004, Report No 743-2004 (Article No II refers). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.

- 4.5 Community Regeneration Forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

## 5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2012/13.

Local Forum	Total Allocation	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£40,879	£0	£84,121
East End	£125,111	£103,860	£0	£21,251
Lochee	£125,000	£73,107	£0	£51,893
Maryfield	£125,000	£81,068	£0	£43,932
North East	£125,000	£85,186	£625	£39,189
Strathmartine	£125,011	£91,042	£954	£33,015
<b>Total</b>	<b>£750,122</b>	<b>£475,142</b>	<b>£1,579</b>	<b>£273,401</b>

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £ 1,579.

## 6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report.

- 6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2012 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities. The targeting of additional resources into areas of deprivation to tackle inequalities are at the heart of the Scottish Government's public service reform agenda. A commitment to 'close the gap' in outcomes is expected of all community planning partnerships in Scotland.

## 7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner 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 PAPERS

None.

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<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Forum Decision Amount</b>
NE1317	Longhaugh Sheltered Housing	North East	To cover transport costs for two trips for 35 sheltered housing residents, aiming to combat isolation and promote positive mental health.	£1,465	£625	£625
S1324	St. Mary's Community Facility	Strathmartine	To fund two parties for the Children's Group at Halloween and Christmas, for approximately 50 children each, and a Pantomime trip for 30 children. All children aged 5-10 years.	£1054	£954	£954