

10 COMMON GOOD FUND (AN286-2007)

- (a) Bharatiya Ashram, the Indian Centre for Education and Culture, currently lease the Dudhope Centre at St Mary's Place from the City Council.

Since taking occupation, Bharatiya Ashram have been pursuing funding to carry out extensive redevelopment and refurbishment of the building. They have now secured funding of £754,000, including £250,000 from the Big Lottery Fund and £195,000 from Communities Scotland, of which £185,000 has been spent on enabling works. A contract for capital works to the West Block of the building amounting to £569,000, is expected to be let soon. These works will provide a theatre/hall, boardroom, offices, education suite, restaurant and kitchen with all areas having full disabled access.

The Committee is requested to approve a contribution of £20,000 from the Common Good Fund towards the overall costs of this project.

- (b) The Brae Riding for the Disabled Partnership have almost completed their Centre at Linlathen, Dundee. The Brae Partnership will provide schooled horses, specially trained instructors and physiotherapists for people of all ages with learning and/or physical disabilities, as well as those in rehab from trauma, strokes and amputations. In the last 10 years the Brae Partnership have raised £400,000 and the new Centre requires a further £20,000 to ensure its completion.

The Committee is requested to approve a contribution of £10,000 from the Common Good Fund towards the total cost of the project.