

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2014

REPORT ON: LITERACY DELIVERY PARTNERS 2014-15

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 119-2014

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the request for an extension of Service Level Agreements with Dundee College and Craigowl Communities for the delivery of literacy support.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Approval is recommended for a six month extension of the Service Level Agreement with Craigowl Communities to deliver literacy services focused on employability; for the period 1 April 2014 – 30 Sept 2014, at the level of £13,000.
- 2.2 Approval is recommended for a six month extension of the Service Level Agreement with Dundee College to deliver literacy services focused on those wishing to progress to College; for the period 1 April 2014 – 30 Sept 2014, at the level of £17,500.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The expenditure of £30,500 can be met from the 2014/15 Communities Division revenue budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 In consultation with partners, a Literacies Strategic Action Plan is in place for the period 2011-2014 – approved by the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee on 25 April 2011 (Report No 203-2011). This strategy is due to be reviewed and any changes implemented by September 2014.
- 4.2 Craigowl Communities are testing new approaches to the delivery of their literacy provision, looking to incorporate literacy and numeracy into their employability programmes. An extension to the current SLA will allow time to see if this is a model which has successful impact on people's employability skills,
- 4.3 The merger of colleges to form Dundee and Angus College has resulted in the need to review the model of operation, for the delivery of literacies, and an extension to the current arrangement would allow time to assess if the newly formed college can continue to meet the needs of learners from Dundee.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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