

**REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2004**

**REPORT ON: GUIDANCE AND LEARNING – ALLOCATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND RESOURCES (ESF)**

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES**

**REPORT NO: 195-2004**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Communities Committee is asked to note the approval of ESF monies for the delivery of Adult Guidance and Learning, for the period April 2004 – March 2005.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee notes:

- 2.1 the receipt of new funding as set out in Para 3.1 below.
- 2.2 the approval of an application submitted by the Communities Department to the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme, the objectives of which are to promote increased access to Adult Guidance and Learning. This approval covers the period April 2004–March 2005.
- 2.3 the above will result in an additional allocation of £86,881 to the Communities Department budget, which will be used to extend the existing European Social Fund programme.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Financial implications of the report can be contained within the allocation of funding received from the European Social Fund, Objective 3 Programme. This will consist of an Objective 3 Revenue Grant of £86,881.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This project will seek to support initiatives to ensure that all sections of the community are given opportunities to develop their capacity and gives guidance and learning support to partake in civic, community and working life.
- 4.2 The report seeks to ensure that the resources are used as efficiently to achieve departmental and Council agreed service priorities and ensure a sustainable partnership approach to community capacity building.
- 4.3 The project provides access to the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The proposals will continue to reflect the priorities and commitment of the Council to equal opportunities.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 On 9 February 2004, the 'Learning Around' Adult Guidance and Learning project was approved within Committee (Report No. 127-2004). This project is funded from the Social Inclusion Partnership and works across SIP 1 areas. It provides impartial adult guidance to help support the most excluded to take up learning, employment and community involvement.

6.2 The existing Social Inclusion funded project has been used as a match to secure European Social Fund monies.

6.3 The additional finance will allow the project to operate across a wide geography, which will include all ESF eligible postcode areas in Dundee.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report.

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