

REPORT TO: **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** **20 MARCH 2006**
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE **20 MARCH 2006**

REPORT ON: **GREY LODGE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2006 - 2009**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES**
 ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (MANAGEMENT)

REPORT NO: **196-2006**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for a Service Level Agreement to be entered into between Dundee City Council and Grey Lodge Settlement for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

2.1 remits to the Director of Leisure and Communities to enter, on behalf of Dundee City Council, into a three year Service Level Agreement with Grey Lodge Settlement (copies of the draft of which are available for inspection in the Members' Lounge) subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation as to efficiency, economy and effectiveness and remits the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Director of Leisure and Communities to keep these agreements under review and amend as appropriate.

2.2 approves grant aid of £58,974 per year for the period 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2009.

2.3 It is recommended that the Personnel Committee approve the following deletions with effect from 1 April 2006:

- 1 post of Community worker graded CEW (£18,381 - £23,739) currently seconded from Dundee City Council.
- 1 vacant post of part-time (6 hours) Assistant Youth Worker (Grey Lodge Settlement) graded SESS 1-3
- 1 vacant post of part-time (6 hours) Assistant Youth Worker (Grey Lodge Settlement) graded SESS 1-3
- 1 vacant post of part-time (3 hours) Support Youth Worker (Grey Lodge Settlement) graded SESS 1

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no additional budgetary implications for the Council in implementing the above arrangements. The Communities Department will vire the budget released by deleting the above posts from the establishment in order to increase the third Party Payment to Grey Lodge thus enabling them to deliver the Service Level Agreement.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Agenda 21 emphasises the importance of decisions being taken at a local level. The Department's support for the development of local management of organisations is consistent with this policy objective.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The enhancing of the role of local organisations contributes towards the Council's aim "to build on informed, involved and active citizenship". The Service Level Agreement commits the organisations involved to promote equalities and social inclusion.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Report No 621-2003 approved by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee on 10 November 2003 recommended, under para 2.2, that a further report be brought forward to enable Grey Lodge and similar organisations to become independent, including the transfer or redeployment of personnel currently seconded within the life of the current three year funding cycle and to ensure no new proposed Council personnel secondment arrangements will be entered into should existing personnel leave.
- 6.2 The Community Worker currently seconded to the Grey Lodge settlement has accepted an offer of employment with the Grey Lodge settlement. The contract of employment is conditional on this report being approved.
- 6.3 For the purposes of clarity, this report is concerned only with the Council's contribution to organisations which it funds under grant aid.
- 6.4 Organisations receiving more than £45,000 are required to demonstrate compliance with the authority's Code of Guidance on Following The Public Pound.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Council values the efforts of voluntary sector partners in delivering key work priorities collaboratively.
- 7.2 This co-operation should be underpinned with clarity over each partners responsibilities and expectations and this Report seeks authority to progress these aims positively and with mutual consent.
- 7.3 The Department's belief in voluntary organisations exercising community control over decision making and organisational responsibilities is advanced by these proposals. Should any dissent arise over the implementation of these proposals the views of the Committee will be sought.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Management), and Grey Lodge Settlement have been consulted in the development of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None.

Signed: **Stewart Murdoch**
 Director of Leisure and Communities

Date: 10 March 2006

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| Organisation | Legal Status | Level of Grant 2006-2007 | Source of Grant | Purpose of Grant |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Grey Lodge Settlement Association | Charity Ref SCO18005 | £58,974 | Third Party Payments Communities | Assistance towards operational costs of building, salaries and running costs. |