

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 20 MAY 2013

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2013/14

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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 £34,679 are recommended from the allocations for 2013/14.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Policy and Resources Committee in December 2009 approved Report No 591-2009 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 in February 2010 (Report No 84-2010). Allocations of £125,000 per annum were made to wards which continued datazones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These were Coldsides, 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 in December 2004 (Report No 743-2004). 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	£15,854	£6,874	£102,272
East End	£125,111	£50,896	£11,500	£62,715
Lochee	£125,000	£52,113	£0	£72,887
Maryfield	£125,000	£7,675	£4,059	£113,266
North East	£125,000	£57,430	£0	£67,570
Strathmartine	£125,011	£54,345	£12,246	£58,420
Total	£750,122	£238,313	£34,679	£477,130

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £34,679.

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

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2004, Report No 743-2004.

- 8.2 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2009, Report No 591-2009.
- 8.3 Equality Impact Assessment Report.
- 8.4 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, June 2012, Report No 225-2012

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
CP1301	The MAXwell Centre	Coldside	To be used to establish a community garden project in the grounds at the rear of the centre. Funding will enable purchase of composters, raised beds, rain water collection tools & initial planting requirements.	£6,874	£6,874	£6,874
EE1305	Douglas Festival Association	East End	To contribute towards a local community festival with 500+ local residents expected to attend and approximately 29 projects / local service providers participating.	£3,076	£1,500	£1,500
EEP1301	St Pius X Church	East End	Contribution towards phase 2 of hall refurbishment. This will bring the hall in line with relevant safety standards and enable the promotion of wider use by community groups and local residents.	£31,074	£10,000	£10,000
MY1302	Active Schools	Maryfield	To provide free after school sports and physical activities such as tennis, free running, fit for girls fitness and active8 to approximately 80 children attending Clepington PS, Glebelands PS or Morgan Academy.	£1,309	£1,309	£1,309
M1302	Dura Street Sheltered Housing Social Group	Maryfield	To fund 44 sessions of Aromatherapy, Reiki and Chair Aerobics for the 49 residents using the Sheltered Housing Complex lounge.	£2,750	£2,750	£2,750
S1302	St Mary's Over 55's Club	Strathmartine	To fund travel costs for a summer outing for 49 older people to enjoy scenery of Scotland's coast and a boat trip to Rothesay.	£390	£390	£390

S1304	Chuckle Club	Strathmartine	To provide travel costs to enable 30 group members to participate in a bus excursion and enable less physically fit members to travel with us.	£750	£750	£360
S1306	Baldragon Academy	Strathmartine	To run a leadership weekend, where 35 senior pupils will learn and develop skills of leadership. This is part of a larger programme involving use of these skills for work with younger pupils and charitable fund raising.	£4,830	£2,000	£2,000
S1307	Kirkton Newsletter Group	Strathmartine	To produce 3 issues of a newsletter for residents of Kirkton which will inform them of local activities, events and developments in the area. Circulation of the newsletter will reach approximately 3,000 local people.	£1,458	£1,458	£1,458
SP1301	Kirkton Community Centre LMG	Strathmartine	To conduct a study into the feasibility of converting the recently vacated Community Safety Base into a fitness centre for use by the whole community.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
SP1302	Downfield Primary School	Strathmartine	To provide funding to purchase safety matting and improve access routes to play equipment bought with Big Lottery funding. This will improve safe use by approximately 450 children at the school and also the out of school club.	£18,038	£6,038	£6,038