

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 10 May 2010

REPORT ON: Administrative Grants to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures 2010–2011

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 219-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year 2010-2011 to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures in existence or established during the year, and to confirm the formulae for payment.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Administrative grants are awarded to all Community Councils currently in existence or established during 2010/2011 in accordance with the Council's Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils.
- 2.2 Administrative grants are also awarded to other Neighbourhood Representative Structures which meet the eligibility criteria set out in Committee Report No. 725 – 2002.
- 2.3 Grants are awarded according to the following formulae: a lump sum of £330 per Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure plus 1.2p per resident in each area (see Appendix 1).
- 2.4 An administration grant of £440 is awarded to the Dundee Civic Forum.
- 2.5 Community Councils or Neighbourhood Representative Structures established beyond 1 April 2010 will only be eligible for a grant for the part of the year from their inception.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of grants awarded to established organisations is £4393. This along with the cost of grants to any new organisations will be contained within the Leisure and Communities Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund Budget for 2010-2011.

4.0 ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARDS 2010 - 2011

- 4.1 The formulae governing the award of administrative grants ensures that Community Councils/Neighbourhood Structures receive a basic lump sum of £330 plus an additional 1.2p per resident. To be eligible for a grant, Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures must first make formal application by submitting audited annual accounts for the period 2009-2010 where appropriate. To qualify for a grant award, the applicant body should have less than twice the amount of their recommended grant in their administrative account at 31 March 2010.

- 4.2 The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are 4 Community Councils: Broughty Ferry, Fintry, City Centre and Harbour and West End.
- 4.3 Ardler Village Trust, the Kirkton Partnership, Whitfield Development Group and Stobswell Forum continue to operate as recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structures, and in so doing fulfil the role of Community Councils for their respective areas. In addition to this, Coldside Forum became a recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structure in 2009/2010
- 4.4 The Dundee Civic Forum enables Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures to share information, liaise jointly with the City Council, develop training programmes and promote their development.
- 4.5 Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures established after 1 April 2010 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months they are operational between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011.

5.0 REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

- 5.1 The findings of the Scottish Government's Community Council Working Group (CCWG) were published in March 2009.
- 5.2 The first phase of the consultation to review Dundee City Council's Community Council boundaries took place between September 2009 and November 2009.
- 5.3 The revised draft scheme for Dundee has been provisionally scheduled for presentation to Committee on the 24 May 2010.
- 5.4 Consultation on the adoption of the Model Scheme of Operation developed by the Scottish Government's Community Council Working Group (CCWG) will take place over a 12 week period in 2010. This will be followed by Community Council elections.
- 5.5 The future composition of Community Councils will form part of the 12 week consultation focusing on the Model Scheme of Operation for Community Councils.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The report has been screened and there are no negative policy implications, in respect of sustainability, strategic environment assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management.

There are no major issues.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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30 APRIL 2010

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2010 TO 31 MARCH 2011

Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2p Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
Broughty Ferry Community Council	18439	330	221	551
Fintry Community Council	6658	330	80	410
West End Community Council	14565	330	175	505
City Centre and Harbour Community Council	2727	330	33	363
Ardler Village Trust	2786	330	33	363
Stobswell Forum	12445	330	149	479
Kirkton Partnership	7771	330	93	423
Whitfield Development Group	6258	330	75	405
Coldside Neighbourhood Representative Structure	10339	330	124	454
Dundee Civic Forum	-	440	-	440
Totals				4,393

Community Councils	£1,829
Neighbourhood Representative Structures	£2,124
Dundee Civic Forum	<u>£ 440</u>

Total	£4,393
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