

REPORT TO: ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE REPERTORY THEATRE COMMUNITY DRAMA DEPARTMENT –
REVENUE GRANT 2000/2001**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND HERITAGE

REPORT NO: 250/2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding from Dundee Repertory Theatre community Drama Department.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant amounting to £17,476 as set out in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total funding requested for the Community Drama Department is £17,476. This expenditure can be met from the Arts and Heritage Department's 2000/2001 Revenue budget for grants.
- 3.2 The grant will be contained within a funding agreement between Dundee City Council and the Dundee Repertory Theatre Company Community Department.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The renewal of revenue funding to the Community Department will ensure greater access to drama as an art form relevant to their environment where "local needs are met locally" and "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all"

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Dundee Repertory Theatre Community Drama Department mission statement is "to provide open access, without fees nor auditions, to participatory drama and community arts; to develop self-confidence and the transference of skills and to use the theatre's resources and expertise to create a forum for wider community involvement and interaction." The Community Department delivers its programme within the community and directly engages those who may not normally participate in mainstream arts provision.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Dundee Rep Community Department activities matched favourably to the target figures set in the 1999/2000 funding agreement particularly in the areas of projects with young people, tackling social exclusion, and those covering education and outreach.
- 6.2 The strengths of the Department is in the area of drama development. Drama and related arts activities are brought to communities in partnership with outside organisations and institutions. Participants are involved both in one off projects and through regular supported activities.
- 6.3 The proposed development for 2000/01 includes 255 workshops with 3,000 participants, 5 productions with 12 performances and audiences of 1,750. Dramatherapy will also become part of the main Community Department building on the successful work undertaken over the past 5½ years as a separate project within the Rep. Extra income is identified in Appendix 1.

- 6.4 The obvious successes of the Community Department reflected in the participant and audience figures, are due to the inclusive nature and bringing together of several groups to create a community musical, "Twa Plehn Bridies". Attendances at performances were swelled by six sell-out shows in the mainhouse, and the number of performances by one small production touring 17 venues. This is some recognition/indication of the value of the Community Department in being able to engage, motivate and sustain interest from the community in drama and the potential of drama to have relevance in everyday life.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Budgetary information - to follow.

Director of Arts and Heritage_____ Date_____

APPENDIX 1

Dundee Rep Community Department

	Projected Out-turn 1999/00	Provisional Budget 2000/01
Expenditure		
Staff costs, operating costs, General overheads (Specialist Dramatherapy Service now part of Community Department for 2000/01)	<u>82,631</u>	<u>106,750</u>
Income		
Box Office, sponsorship/donations, miscellaneous, fees/courses	17,724	10,228
Grants:		
SAC	37,940	38,471
SAC special	3,000	0
Dundee City Council	16,967	17,476
DCC special	7,000	7,000
MISG (Specialist Dramatherapy Service now part of Community Department for 2000/01)	27,000	
Total income	82,631	100,175
Surplus/deficit on year	11,599	-6,575
Surplus/deficit c/f		11,599
Year end result	11,599	5,024