

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 MAY 2009

REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.3 Grants of £38,821 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence

will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£49,227	£47,908	£53,022	£17,397	£46,234	£213,788
Current Proposals	£4,710	£4,285	£14,307	£5,433	£10,086	£38,821
Still Available	£129,572	£180,802	£142,056	£191,221	£156,350	£800,001

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £38,821 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
- CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
- CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
- CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
- CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

6. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.

6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalising opportunities.

7. **CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.

7.2 Partnership 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 REPORTS**

8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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Fairer Scotland Fund - 2009/2010

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW001	Ardler Village Trust - Newsletter 09	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To contribute to the costs of producing 4 editions of the Ardler Village Newsletter, this is distributed to around 1300 households. It will also contribute to the training of new volunteers in the creation of the Newsletter.	£2,500	£1,500	£1,500
SG/NW002	Ardler Village Trust - Fun Day	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To fund the core costs of the Ardler Fun Day 2009, and support the ongoing development of the Events Management Committee. The Fun Day aims to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds from within the target and neighbouring areas to showcase activities, crafts and projects.	£1,694	£1,000	£1,000
SG/NW003	No.10 Sheltered Housing Complex	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To help fund Craft Group which has been established now for several years, brings elderly members of the community together, this reduces isolation and allows members of the wider community to interact.	£210	£210	£210

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SG/NW004	St Mary's Family Support Group	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To fund partnership activity in St Mary's during school holiday periods and at festive season with a particular focus on funding of educational trips that complement holiday activities funded and supported by other activities.	£2,166	£2,000	£2,000
SG/W010	Lochee Primary School (Education)	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To purchase sport strips, sports equipment and sessions for children at Lochee Primary School.	£1,700	£1,400	£1,400
PEI/W001	Dundee Contract Services - Small Environmental Schemes (Parks Department/ Land Services)	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To improve community facilities by providing additional Seating, Picnic Benches and Planters.	£2,540	£2,540	£2,540
PEI/W002	Whorterbank Eurobins (Waste Management)	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To supply eurobins, delivery, incl. chain & padlock.	£345	£345	£345

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SG/NE003	Fintry Community Block	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To pay for sessional crèche staff/facilities for children under 5 who have a lone parent or carer on low income or unemployed from the local community to enable them to attend courses for 26 weeks and enable them to make progression towards employment.	£4,773	£4773	£4773
SG/NE004	The Factory Skate Park	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To provide holiday programmes for young people in the North East during school holidays. The programme will run for 4 weeks in summer and 2 weeks in October. The funding is to provide for 8 young people for 6 weeks and £70 per head for 48 participants.	£3,360	£3,360	£3,360
SG/NE005	22nd Mains of Fintry Scout Group	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Remove and replace male and female toilets in Scout Hall. Toilets are in a dangerous state of repair, young people may be at risk.	£5,274	£4,474	£4,474

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SG/NE006	Braeview Academy QC2 (Education)	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Funding to produce a 52 page recipe book of the lunches prepared by young people.	£2,114	£1,700	£1,700
YD/CY005	YUSUF Youth Initiative & Central Youth Work Team (Leisure & Communities)		The Youth Cultural Integration Project works towards integrating young people from different ethnic & cultural backgrounds, bringing them together in social settings that they are comfortable in. FSF monies are to fund 9 sessions from June 09 - March 2010.	£930	£930	£930
YD/CY006	Central Youth Work (Leisure & Communities)	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Provision of 6 art workshops, 6 media workshops in the Highwayman & 6 drop in sessions at Baxter Park.	£1, 842	£1,458	£1,458
YD/CY007	The Shore (Leisure & Communities)	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Provision of weekday evening programme based at Central Library - 2 hour session x 36 weeks & a drop in on Saturday afternoons at the Shore - 2 hour session x 36 weeks both running from July 2009 - March 2010.	£5,808	£3,045	£3,045

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SG/SE002	Under 12's family fun day	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide a family fund day with work shops and activities. Aimed at raising awareness of the project and the services it provides.	£1,315	£1,115	£1,115
SG/SE003	Douglas Festival	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To host a one day festival event within the Douglas area.	£2,947	£1,527	£1,527
SG/SE004	Joan Bartlett House - Benches	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase 2 benches to replace existing outdoor furniture this is deemed unsafe. Allows elderly residents to interact during summer months and enjoy fresh air.	£338	£288	£288
SG/SE005	Decorative Notice Board	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To design, make and install an artistic mosaic notice board to display information within the centre.	£1,750	£1,550	£1,550
SG/SE006	St Ninians Redecoration	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute towards a redecoration of the class c building. Cost of paint only.	£5,500	£1,500	£1,500

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SG/SE007	Animal Control (Environmental Health)	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To install 7 lockable dog waste bins throughout the Linlathen area.	£1,789	£1,789	£1,789
YD/SEY011	St Ninians After School Club	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase equipment to enhance the service provided by the club.	£1,217	£717	£717
YD/SEY012	Food On Friday - Children's Project	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To Purchase equipment and ingredients to carry out a healthy eating project based on young people and children growing fruit and veg and then preparation of healthy food.	£3,220	£1,600	£1,600