

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 14 June 2010

REPORT ON: Volunteer Centre Dundee Grant

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 291-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report seeks approval for the payment of the annual grant award to Volunteer Centre Dundee (VCD).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the grant award of £10,130 to Volunteer Centre Dundee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2010/11 Revenue Budget.

3.2 The project's estimated outturn figures for 2009-2010 and draft budget for 2010-2011 are detailed in Appendix 1.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Volunteer Centre Dundee provides a range of advice, support and development opportunities for people wishing to volunteer in Dundee and to organisations who wish to work with volunteers.

4.2 The Centre continues to meet a public need and the volunteers it recruits and supports are invaluable to both the voluntary sector and public sector organisations in the city. The benefits to the volunteers themselves continue to be monitored and recorded.

4.3 The Centre was involved in the preparation of a new Volunteering Strategy for the Dundee Partnership, which was launched in December 2008. It was anticipated that this would begin a new phase of development of the promotion of volunteering amongst partnership agencies and of the growth of new volunteering opportunities in the city, and that the Volunteer Centre would provide staff time to support key elements of the development of the Dundee Partnership Volunteering Strategy.

4.4 During 2009/10, VCD has supported the development of the Dundee Partnership's Volunteering Strategy and assisted Dundee City Council Department's achievement of the Volunteer Friendly Award.

4.5 Agreement has now been reached on the formation of a corporate Volunteering Strategy Group, and it is therefore proposed that the current grant be awarded on the basis of staff time being provided to support this new group to:

- implement best practice in developing and managing volunteering.
- assess the extent and nature of existing volunteering opportunities within DCC departments.

- devise and support the delivery of an action plan for the full implementation of the Dundee City Council's Volunteering Strategy.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. The Volunteer Centre has in place relevant policies to all those areas and makes a positive contribution to the Community Plans' priorities by providing volunteering opportunities which address these issues.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

VOLUNTEER CENTRE DUNDEE

Expenditure	Estimated Outturn 2009-2010	Draft Budget
Staff Costs	96,380.00	98,307.00
Property Costs	14,160.00	14,443.00
Supplies and Services	27,675.00	28,228.00
Transport	1,350.00	1,377.00
Total Expenditure	139,565.00	142,355.00
Income		
Donations	10.00	
Interest	863.00	800.00
Fundraising	1,735.00	1,769.00
Services	6,946.00	7,084.00
Other Income	1,692.00	1,725.00
Sub Total Income	11,246.00	11,378.00
Grants		
Dundee City Council SLA	10,130.00	10,130.00
Other Grant Income	118,698.00	118,698.00
Sub Total Grants	128,828.00	128,828.00
Total Income	140,000.74	140,206.00