

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2016

REPORT ON: DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT NO: 35-2016

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report recommends two year funding allocations to 23 Dundee Partnership projects, although the 2nd year is only provisionally set out pending our budget settlement for 2017/18. For 2016/17 the funding for 22 projects continues at the same level as previously awarded.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- a) approves the two year allocations of funding to the organisations/projects set out in appendix 1.
- b) agrees to the preparation and implementation of improvement plans for Mill O'Mains Pavillion and Save by the Bell prior to the confirmation of funding for 2017/18
- c) agrees to the allocation of a one year allocation to Art Angel and remits any future funding reviews to the Integration Joint Board of the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- c) agrees the reduced funding allocation of £29,027 to Dundee North Law Centre for the years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report recommends revenue allocations amounting to £1,610,589 for the years 2016/17 and 2017/18 from across Chief Executive's Services, Neighbourhood Services and Children and Families Services. These proposals represent savings of £153,392 for the year 2016/17 and thereafter.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Strategic Funding Partnership with Third sector

- 4.1.1 The Third Sector Strategic Funding Partnership was formed in 2014 to develop joint approaches for reaching funding decisions. From this a scoring and assessment framework was developed to establish future funding priorities for Dundee Partnership projects. A group of twenty three projects/organisations were identified which received a total of £1,763,981 in 2015/16.

- 4.1.2 All projects were invited to apply for up to their current levels of funding for the next two financial years. Following detailed assessment of these applications, it is proposed that projects receive the allocations set out in appendix 1. These are at the current levels of funding for all projects with the following exceptions:

- a) Art Angel – this community based mental health project also receives funding from NHS Tayside should be more closely aligned with health and social care provision. It is recommended that one year is allocated and then future funding is considered by the Integrated Joint Board as part of its longer term commissioning plans.
- b) Mill O'Mains Pavillion – it is proposed that one year funding is allocation with the year 2017/18 subject to the preparation and implementation of an improvement plan addressing aspects of project governance and management arrangements.
- c) Save by the Bell - it is proposed that one year funding is allocation with the year 2017/18 subject to the preparation and implementation of an improvement plan addressing aspects of project governance, management arrangements and targeting of activity.

- d) Dundee North Law Centre – this organisation has been particularly successful in attracting significant external funding from other sources, including Legal Aid. As a result, this project is able to meet the majority of its costs for the next two years from healthy levels of unrestricted reserves. It is proposed that a reduced allocation of £29,027 for 2016/17 and 2017/18 is allocated to the project to enable it to introduce a new service to financially excluded people from Dundee delivered in partnership with Perth Prison.

- 4.1.3 A summary of the services to be provided by these projects and organisations is outlined in appendix 1.

5. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality and Impact Assessment and Risk Management. The projects recommended for funding will all make positive contributions to city-wide efforts to tackle and reduce poverty, deprivation and stigma in Dundee.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and community planning partners have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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01/03/2016

Third Sector Project List Details

Project	Project Aim	Proposed Allocation 2016/17 £
Action for Children	To deliver a supported tenancies initiative for young people at risk of homelessness or involved in anti-social behaviour which will enable them to maintain their own tenancies or other suitable, safe living environments.	65,600
Art Angel	To provide a wide spectrum of art activities and opportunities for people with poor mental health as a means of promoting self-expression, empowerment, recovery and wellbeing.	29,575
Boomerang	To make Stobswell a more vibrant and motivated community through the involvement of local people of all ages in a range of activities and learning opportunities delivered at the centre.	56,356
Brooksbank Partnership	To contribute to the reduction of the effects of poverty and social inequalities, primarily in the communities of Mid Craigie and Linlathen but also in other regeneration areas, through provision of a financial inclusion service. The centre also delivers and acts as host to a wide range of groups and activities, and coordinates provision of child safety equipment to families across the city.	317,512
Citizens Advice Bureau	To increase financial awareness and education and promote access to appropriate financial services for those who are financially excluded and those who support them.	169,399
Discovery Credit Union	To encourage savings habits / asset building and provide access to affordable credit to members in order to help reduce poverty.	50,004
Dundee International Women's Centre	To develop and deliver services that will provide BME women with new opportunities including training and social enterprise based employment opportunities.	51,029
Dundee Rep – Creative Learning	To deliver a range of learning programmes across all age ranges centred around the use of drama. Work is carried out across the city in order to engage those who are hardest to reach.	18,198
Dundee Rep – Scottish Dance Theatre	To contribute towards the delivery of a community activity programme which includes subsidised dance classes for people with disabilities, delivery to young people at risk of exclusion, and workshops & performances in community contexts.	21,453
Dundee North Law Centre	To provide free legal advice, and assistance to short-term prisoners with regard to housing, eviction, and benefit claims. Support will continue on release to try and ensure a smooth transition back into mainstream society and a reduction in repeat offending.	29,027
Dundee Women's Aid – Outreach	To provide an outreach service for women experiencing abuse who do not want to access refuge accommodation. The service is delivered in local community venues and also provides referrals to Children & Young People's services where required.	81,000

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Grey Lodge Settlement	To provide a wide range of services and facilities for the local communities of Hilltown, Coldside, and Stobswell, plus others from further afield. People of all ages are able to access activities that promote learning and active, inclusive lives.	59,604
LEAD Scotland	To enable disabled adults and / or their carers to access inclusive education, training and learning opportunities by supporting them to overcome barriers to their progress.	32,000
Positive Steps	To provide a repeat homelessness prevention service and a temporary accommodation outreach service for people with a wide range of potential barriers, including; mental health issues, learning disabilities, substance misuse, offending behaviour, homelessness or poverty.	158,250
Save by the Bell	To encourage saving habits of children and young people in Dundee as a preventative strategy against financial exclusion in adulthood.	54,110
Starter Packs	To fund a part-time administrator to support the project activity of providing basic household goods and bedding to new tenants who would otherwise struggle to purchase these items.	9,000
Transform Community Development	To provide essential furniture for new tenants referred through social care systems to help prevent homelessness and/or financial difficulties. The project generally supplies seating, beds, and storage.	60,000
Craigowl Communities - Future's Project	To provide financial inclusion advice and support to develop practical skills to help individuals and families sustain their tenancies.	83,845
The Pavilion	To promote community spirit in the Mill O' Mains area, using the Pavilion to bring people together to participate in a range of positive activities.	25,404
Under 12's Project	To promote the care and education of children and families through the provision of recreational activities during out of school hours and holidays.	75,035
Victim Support Scotland	To provide emotional and practical support to victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour. Support is provide face to face or via telephone as needed and includes provision of personal alarms and referral to other relevant agencies when required.	45,150
Dundee Voluntary Action	To provide relevant, up to date information to the Voluntary Sector; facilitate networking between organisations and promote opportunities for them to be involved in the Community Planning process.	70,936
Volunteer Centre Dundee	To promote volunteering opportunities across the city and support individuals to engage in volunteering. Organisations are also supported in developing best practice for making use of volunteers and in achieving the Volunteer Friendly Award.	48,102



EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL

Part 1: Description/Consultation

Is this a Rapid Equality Impact Assessment (RIAT)? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is this a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Date of Assessment: 22 January 2016	Committee Report Number: 35-2016
Title of document being assessed:	Dundee Partnership Projects
1. This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed (If yes please check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed? (If yes please check box) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	Confirmation of funding for various third sector projects
3. What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	One and two year funding allocations to third sector projects.
4. Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	Performance reports on existing projects and application forms.
5. Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	Projects refer to equalities in their applications
6. Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment. (e.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Peter Allan, Paul Davies 22 January 2016
7. Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy? (Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do this?)	No

Part 2: Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with a disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy & Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Impacts/Monitoring

<p>1. Have any positive impacts been identified?</p> <p>(We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)</p>	<p>The projects recommended for funding will all make positive contributions to city-wide efforts to tackle and reduce poverty, deprivation and stigma in Dundee.</p>
<p>2. Have any negative impacts been identified?</p> <p>(Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>3. What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts?</p> <p>(e.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. See Good Practice on DCC equalities web page)</p>	<p>None required.</p>
<p>4. Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome?</p> <p>(If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>5. Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended?</p> <p>(If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required. Seek advice from your departmental Equality lead.)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>6. How will the policy be monitored?</p> <p>(How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.)</p>	<p>Annual review of project performance and funding.</p>

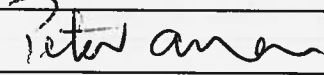
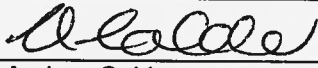
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Part 4: Contact Information

Name of Department or Partnership	Chief Executive's Service
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Type of Document	
Human Resource Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategy/Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change Papers/Local Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines and Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Date of Next Policy Review:	January 2017	