

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 25 August 2008

REPORT ON: National Adult English For Speakers Of Other Languages Strategy - Allocation

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 353-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the 2008-2009 allocation, received from the Scottish Government, for the Community Learning and Development Partnership Implementation of the National Adult English For Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL) Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the allocation of the ESOL Strategy grant from the Scottish Government for the implementation of activities as set out in Appendix One.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The funding for this work will be met from the Scottish Government's 2008/2009 ESOL Strategy allocation of £40,000.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Background

The National Adult ESOL Strategy was published on 20 March 2007 with the aim of providing a framework to upgrade the quality and quantity of publicly funded ESOL provision in the College, Community Learning and Development and Voluntary Sectors. An allocation of £75,000 was made to the Community Learning and Development Partnership, via Dundee City Council in the period 2007/2008. The purpose of this grant was to increase learner numbers by 75 and develop the staff and resource infrastructure required to deliver high quality ESOL provision.

- 4.2 On 4 February 2008 the Scottish Government announced an additional 9 million pounds for the funding of English language classes over the next 3 years. A statement from the government said "The Scottish Government is committed to encouraging high quality, accessible and affordable English language teaching to support our growing economy and encourage active citizenship in a vibrant and inclusive society." The target groupings are international workers, asylum seekers, refugees and other traditional migrant groupings who are eager to learn English.
- 4.3 The allocation given to Dundee for the period 2008/2009 is £40,000, with a target number of 110 learners. This is a reduction on the allocation for the previous financial year, with a higher target number of learners. The information provided in Appendix One details the proposed areas of work funding will be allocated to in order to meet the target numbers.

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.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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ESOL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DETAILS

Type of ESOL provision	Predicted timescale of delivery	Total no of ESOL learners (existing & new)	No of new ESOL learners	No of learning hrs per learner	Partners involved	Other outcomes
DELIVERY Bilingual Parents Support Project	April 08 - March 09	15	15	72	Leisure and Communities Education Department	Integration into wider community; successful learners, effective contributors
Increase beginner, elementary and intermediate provision involving the delivery of short courses: Out and About in Dundee, Citizenship, SQA Module, Job Ready.	April 08 - March 09	80	45	72	See partners list and Dundee International Women's Centre	People more able to take part in community life, access services and progress to further learning.
Outreach Surgeries in Community Venues	April 08 - March 09	25	25	1	See partners list and Dundee International Women's Centre	People most excluded from provision given support to access learning.
Additional ESOL Guidance provision.	April 08 - March 09	35	25	1	See partners list	People most excluded from provision given support to access learning.

Bilingual Volunteering Project	April 08 - March 09	10	0	20	See partners list	Increased confidence in use of English in a variety of settings and wider participation in community life.
		Overall total: 165	Overall total: 110			

PARTNERS LIST

Dundee City Council, Leisure and Communities Department
 Dundee City Council, Education Department
 Members of Dundee Partnership International Workers Group
 Hillcrest housing Association
 Tayside Fire and Rescue
 Dundee City Council, Corporate Planning
 BME Financial Inclusion
 Job Centre Plus
 Working For Families
 Access to Learning
 Dundee International Women's Centre