

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2013/14

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 365-2013

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2013/14 and makes recommendations for grants in 2013/14.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the allocations to the Community Regeneration Forum for 2013/14 and funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £125,000 to each of the city's Community Regeneration Forums for the year 2013/14. The total budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in para 5.1

3.2 Grants of £ 23,244 are recommended from the allocations for 2013/14.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Policy and Resources Committee, 7 December 2009 approved Report No 591-2009 (Article No IV refers) which made funding available to Community Regeneration Forums to support local regeneration activity.

4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.

4.3 The rationale for the allocation of funding to Community Regeneration Forums was approved by Policy and Resources Committee, 22 February 2010, Report No 84-2010, (Article No III refers). Allocations of £125,000 per annum were made to wards which contained datazones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These were Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine. The recent Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012 confirms that these six wards contain the datazones in Dundee which are the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland. The West End and The Ferry wards have no datazones in this category.

4.4 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, 20 December 2004, Report No 743-2004 (Article No II refers). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.

- 4.5 Community Regeneration Forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2012/13.

Local Forum	Total Allocation	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£38,395	£2,484	£84,121
East End	£125,111	£101,933	£1,927	£21,251
Lochee	£125,000	£73,107	£0	£51,893
Maryfield	£125,000	£65,089	£15,979	£43,932
North East	£125,000	£85,186	£0	£39,814
Strathmartine	£125,011	£88,188	£2,854	£33,969
Total	£750,122	£451,898	£23,244	£274,980

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £ 23,244.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report.

- 6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2012 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities. The targeting of additional resources into areas of deprivation to tackle inequalities are at the heart of the Scottish Government's public service reform agenda. A commitment to 'close the gap' in outcomes is expected of all community planning partnerships in Scotland.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner 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 PAPERS

None.

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
C1309	Dundee Chinese Sunday School	Coldside	To deliver two Open Day events highlighting Chinese language and culture, for approximately 200 local residents and also to deliver five taster sessions to classes in each of the four local primary schools, for approximately 100 pupils in total. Note: Coldside Forum has recommended this funding on the condition that the remainder of required funding for these activities is sourced before funds are released.	£4,668	£2,484	£2,484
EE1314	Dundee Amateur Boxing Club	East End	To enable the club to upgrade equipment to improve the services they provide for approximately 30 existing members and help encourage new members to join.	£1,220	£920	£920
EE1316	Dundee Thistle FC	East End	To contribute towards the cost of new training equipment, that will allow approximately 64 children of various ages to train simultaneously at different venues within the area.	£1,119	£1,119	£1,007
MP1304	East Craigie Football Club	Maryfield	To refurbish the pitch area, removing a dangerous concrete barrier and replacing it with a safer one. It is hoped that refurbishment will attract approximately fifty additional local residents to join the club.	£15,979	£15,979	£15,979
S1320	Young at Heart	Strathmartine	To cover transport costs for an educational and motivation trip, including a visit to a culture heritage centre, for 33 older people.	£445	£445	£445
S1321	Chuckle Club	Strathmartine	To cover transport costs for a group outing to the People's Palace in Glasgow for 30 older people.	£360	£360	£360

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S1322	Kirkton Kids	Strathmartine	To purchase 100 children's high visibility vests (which will be usable by other groups), and fund transport and entry costs for a trip to Dundee Ice Arena for 75 children people during the October holidays.	£1,500	£1,500	£1,000
S1323	Dundee Foodbank	Strathmartine	To enable the purchase equipment that will support the volunteers in their work of distributing food donations. Whole community.	£1,049	£1,049	£1,049