

**REPORT TO:** POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 AUGUST 2008

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

**REPORT BY:** ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**REPORT NO:** 389-2008

**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 £33,238 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 is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000
Previously Allocated	33,151	37,061	50,895	5,773	34,917	161,887
Current Proposals	3,591	2,288	1,600	13,400	12,359	33,238
Still Available	113,258	110,651	97,415	130,827	102,724	554,875

- 5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £33,238 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

## 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 datazone in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling 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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## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Fairer Scotland Fund- Community Regeneration Forums

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
NW003	Kirkton Khronicle Kirkton Community Centre LMG	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To develop and distribute the local bi-monthly community newspaper over the coming year	3,640	3,300	2,000
NW005	St Fergus RC Primary School	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Bicycle refurbishment and safety helmets	190	190	190
W002	Ancrum Plus	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Funding for crèche to enable to hold discussions. Purchase distinctive group t-shirts for use on outings, improve safety for children and group pride and identity.	2,170	1,000	1,000
W006	Menzieshill Community Centre LMG	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide materials and resources for the Centre Family Fun Day	1,288	1,288	1,288
NE004	Mill O Mains Residents Association	Mill O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	A gala day entitled Mill O Mains Fun Day will bring together over 400 people. This will allow direct information to be provided on activities and services. The event will be supported by 15 local volunteers	1,860	1,600	1,600

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C003	Cleington Parent Partnership	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase and install an information board at the school gates.	696	696	696
C004	Access to Learning/Bruce Street Child and Family Centre/Signpost International	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To facilitate excursions including museums, parks, historical buildings etc to reduce isolation of minority ethnic communities.	4,700	4,700	2,220
C006	St John's Boomerang	Stobswell/Hilltown/Douglas	To refurbish existing computers at the project which are used to support IT training and work skills for 50 unemployed people.	2,529	2,529	2,529
SE007	Claypotts Athletic Youth Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase training equipment for the team to enhance the physical activity of 16 young people and an additional 18 young people will be involved with the group.	481	481	400
NWY003	Youth Sports Development Leisure and Communities	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	The funding will be used to allow S1-S3 in Lawside Academy to take part in sport/health drop in at lunchtime within the school. It will promote sport, health and exercise to young people.	3,001	1,401	1,401
CY001	Changing Horizons	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To support a youth music and arts projects based at the Mark Henderson Centre	14,335	6,855	6,855

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CY007	YYI/CLD Youth Workers Integration Project	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To allow the Yusif Youth Initiative and Dundee City Council youth workers to further develop and extend a pilot youth integration project which will bring together 30 young people from different cultural backgrounds. 4 activity sessions and an open day event will be organised.	1,100	1,100	1,100
SEY003	Bluelight Band Events @ Factory Skatepark  Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide 4 local band events at the Factory Skatepark, to compete in a battle of the band competition. Run in partnership with Tayside Police and Drug and Alcohol Free Time project.	3,000	3,000	3,000
SEY008	Factory Skatepark Youth Activities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide various activities for children and young people within the Factory Skatepark e.g. graffiti art course, film course, homework club and Friday night subsidised sessions.	12,245	6,825	6,525
SEY010	Douglas Multi-Sports  Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide under 12's sports classes based at Douglas Sports Centre.	1,399	874	874

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SEY012	Girls Group Residential Weekend Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute to the cost of a residential weekend at Dalguise Centre	1,160	1,160	1,060
SEY015	YVI/CLD Youth Workers Integration Project	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To allow the Yusif youth initiative and Dundee City Council youth workers to further develop and extend a pilot youth integration project which will bring together 30 young people from different cultural backgrounds. 3 activity sessions and an open day event will be organised.	885	585	500