

**REPORT TO:** COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2006

**REPORT ON:** EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY GRANT FUND I (2006-2007)

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

**REPORT NO:** 503-2006

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the Equality and Diversity Fund.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The grant award will be met from the Department's revenue budget 2006/2007.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The award will improve access to skills, knowledge and information and/or contribute to achieving the Council's vision of self-sustaining, secure and healthy communities.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Grant assistance is awarded to groups which promote social inclusion and contribute to equalising opportunities within the City.

**6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 At its meeting on 10 February 1997, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Department's grant aid portfolio (Report No 127/1997 refers).
- 6.2 The recommended grant is to support a very important festival celebrated by all Hindus throughout the world. Whilst this is a cultural event for Hindus of all ages, the aim of the event is to persuade people from the local community to come along and find out about Diwali and encourage integration, therefore, bringing communities closer together.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
Tayside Hindu Cultural and Community Centre	For celebration of the Diwali festival on 21 October 06	1,200	950	950

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services).

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None

**Signed:** Stewart Murdoch  
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**Date:** 11 September 2006