

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 JANUARY 2010

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

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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 £37,185 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 (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£174,363	£222,323	£202,342	£193,334	£204,197	£996,559
Current Proposals	£7,621	£3,252	£7,043	£10,796	£8,473	£37,185
Still Available	£1,525	£7,420	£0	£9,921	£0	£18,866

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £37,185 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
CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

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 datazones 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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Fairer Scotland Fund - 2009/2010

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW038	St Mary's Community Facility	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To purchase one set of curling equipment and target. It is a popular game with members; the elderly and people with disabilities can sit and use the equipment	£303	£303	£303
SG/NW039	SMILE Newsletter	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To produce the March 2010 edition of the community Newsletter to all households in the St Mary's and Brackens area of Dundee	£670	£600	£600
SG/W039	Lochee Local History Group	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To publish a booklet of research undertaken by the group on the history of Lochee High Street from 1850-1900	£750	£750	£750
SG/NE026	North East Now Newsletter	Mill O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To produce a newsletter for residents living in the North East to inform them of what has been happening in the area. This was identified as part of the community strategy	£1,125	£1,125	£1,125

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YD/CY/015	Environmental Arts Development - Wellgate Park Project Leisure and Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Environmental Artists and the Grey Lodge Settlement Partnership Project. To engage with young people who frequent the Wellgate Park to work with them and to encourage them to channel their energy positively into a community art work as a creative approach to tackling the graffiti problem that currently exists	£5,839	£5,014	£5,014
YD/CY/016	Cleington Parent Partnership	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To enable an affordable and inclusive outdoor activity trip to Dalguise for 66 primary 7 pupils attending Cleington Primary. As well as giving the children an opportunity to try new activities, the experience will increase the children's confidence supporting their transition to secondary school	£2,412	£2,082	£2,082
SG/SE028	Senior Citizens Afternoon Bowling League	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute towards a group celebration event	£500	£380	£380
SG/SE029	Dundee Healthy Living Initiative Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase sport equipment for use within the South East area	£567	£416	£416

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SG/SE030	Under 12s Project	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase play equipment for parent and child group	£6,477	£6,077	£1,600
SG/SE031	Midlin Daycare	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To improve insulation and replace ceiling in dining room area	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500

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SG/NW040	Jessie Porter Nursery School	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	The award will be used to purchase hi-visibility clothing, reflectors and book bags for children attending the nursery.	£1,179	£1,179	£1,179
SG/NW041	St Mary's Community Facility Management Group	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	The award would allow purchase of presentation equipment - a laptop, projector, screen and projector table for use in the centre.	£1,152	£1,152	£1,152
SG/NW042	Community Family Support Project	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To offer St Mary's parents and children a programme of weekly family learning activities from January - March 2010.	£365	£365	£365
SG/NW043	Fairmuir Adults Association Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase sports equipment to use in gym hall during weekly group meeting. Group have use of facilities within Kingspark school but must provide their own resources.	£422	£422	£422
SG/NW044	Dundee West Youth Work Team Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase promotional resources promoting access to information on positive choices and signposting young people to local provision.	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000

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SG/NW045	St Fergus Primary School	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase active learning resources for use by all pupils in school.	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
SG/NW046	Ardler Primary School	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase active learning resources for use by all pupils in school.	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
SG/NW047	Community Safety Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase fridge magnets and door/window stickers promoting home safety for vulnerable people.	£600	£600	£600
SG/W040	South Road Allotments Association	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To purchase communal equipment for new allotments being developed on South Road site. Will help new association members to get started.	£2,502	£2,502	£2,502
SG/NE025	Mains Parish Church	Mill'O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To replace the boiler and cooker which are now over 15 years old and are no longer safe to operate. Will benefit several community groups.	£2,836	£1,418	£523
SG/NE027	Whitfield Community Centre LMG - Chairs	Mill'O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To purchase new stacking chairs. Present seating is not suitable for adults and therefore causes a safety issue. Storage units for groups using the centre is also to be purchased.	£4,370	£4,370	£3,800

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SG/NE028	The Pavilion	Mill'O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To facilitate educational event to showcase project on the life of Robert Burns that both adults and children participated in.	£911	£811	£811
PEI/NE016	Fintry North Motor Cycle Fencing Leisure & Communities	Mill'O'Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Additional funds for the installation of chicanes in Fintry North to slow down illegal motor bike use.	£784	£784	£784
YD/CY018	Grey Lodge Settlement - External Walls	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To decorate Grey Lodge walls with appropriate community arts murals. The project will involve 2 artists and 40 young people.	£3,696	£3,000	£3,000
YD/CY019	7 a-side goals Leisure & Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Funding is sought to install permanent 7 a-side goals in the green space at Rosebank on the Hilltown.	£700	£700	£700
SG/SE032	Learning Around Group Leisure & Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide two one day courses that will improve participants skills and ability in dealing with interviews and job searches.	£810	£310	£310

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SG/SE033	Tayside Fire & Rescue	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase smoke detectors in support of the Home Fire Safety Visit Strategy within the south east area.	£30,000	£4,000	£1,921
SG/SE034	Adult Learning Team - Confidence Building Course Leisure & Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide a six session programme of activities to raise participants ability to deal with others confidently.	£941	£450	£450
SG/SE035	Douglas Men's Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase and install a large cabinet for use by all centre groups and local projects to display local and national awards, trophies and certificates.	£871	£871	£800
SG/SE036	Animal Control Environmental Services	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase additional metal dog refuse bins for the Linlathen area.	£510	£510	£510
YD/SEY016	19th Dundee Girls Brigade	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To contribute towards an educational trip to Edinburgh for young participants.	£1,032	£642	£586