

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 DECEMBER 2008

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

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REPORT NO: 626-2008

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 £113,303 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	£43,187	£41,416	£53,476	£76,084	£56,402	£270,565
Current Proposals	£69,342	£0	£32,585	£600	£10,776	£113,303
Still available	£37,471	£108,584	£63,939	£73,316	£82,822	£366,132

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £113,303 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardlar/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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APPENDIX A**Policy and Resources****08 December 2008****Fairer Scotland Fund - Community Regeneration Forums**

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW014	Ardler Village Trust	Ardler/St. Mary's/Kirkton	To fund and purchase the installation of 3 new seats in Ardler public open space	£2,970	£2,970	£2,000
SG/NW015	Community Family Support Project	Ardler/St. Mary's/Kirkton	Transport and entrance fees for 20 parents and 19 children from St. Mary's to attend a pantomime and engage with wider project activity	£588	£550	£550
SG/NW016	Mains Parish Church	Ardler/St. Mary's/Kirkton	Purchase of stacking chairs to replace existing worn and damaged ones used by a variety of community groups	£2,771	£2,300	£2,000
SG/NE010	Feel Good Project The Pavilion, Mill o' Mains	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	To develop a health care initiative to generate interest around health and well-being. Taster sessions will include healthy eating, practical cooking, food and mood, stress management and others	£647	£617	£617
SG/NE013	Crafts and Mosaic Group The Pavilion, Mill o' Mains	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	Materials for mixed gender group(aged 28-70) to learn an art and craft activity whilst developing their social and emotional wellbeing	£932	£268	£268

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SG/NE014	5-9 Children's Group The Pavilion, Mill o' Mains	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	Materials for a group of 8 boys and 10 girls in 5-9 age group to learn an art and craft activity over a 12 week period	£200	£200	£200
SG/C013	Steven Glass, Olympia Leisure Centre Leisure and Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/ Fairmuir	To purchase hockey goals for Morgan Wanderers and Cluster Primary Wanderers	£1800	£600	£600
PEI/NW001	Dalmahoy Play Park (Sanctuary Scotland)	Ardler/St. Mary's/Kirkton	Provide play facilities for under 5's	£70,000	£26,650	£26,650
PEI/NW002	Helmsdale Avenue/Balgowan Terrace Ramp Dundee Contract Services	Ardler/St. Mary's/ Kirkton	Improve ease of access at named locations for all local residents	£11,492	£11,492	£11,492
PEI/NW003	White Lighting within St. Mary's Planning & Transportation	Ardler/St. Mary's/ Kirkton	Install white lighting in various locations in St. Mary's	£26,650	£26,650	£26,650

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PEI/NE001	Orchard Court White Lighting Dundee Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	New lighting column and white lighting will be erected in the southern car park at Orchard Court	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
PEI/NE002	Longhaugh Quarry Environmental Improvements Dundee Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	Bulb planting and the creation of wildflower meadows in the ex landfill site	£12,000	£10,000	£10,000
PEI/NE003	Finlathen Playpark Improvements Dundee Contract Services	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/ Whitfield	Play park refurbishment along with new play equipment and youth shelter installation	£35,000	£20,000	£20,000
PEI/SE003	Anti-Social Behaviour Team (ABST) - Security Chicanes Housing Department	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/ Douglas	Purchase and installation of 8 security chicanes to reduce incidents of motorbike misuse in the Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas area	£8,331	£6,331	£6,331
PEI/SE004	Under 12's Project - Fence Replacement Dundee Contract Services	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/ Douglas	Upgrade and repair boundary fencing and install boom gate to increase user security and safety	£4,445	£4,445	£4,445

*C014 Was 'Conditionally Agreed' at BSC 20/11/08