

**REPORT TO:** **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**25 MARCH 2002**

**REPORT ON:** **PARTNERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP**  
**AND THE GEDDES CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE, FOR THE**  
**GEOGRAPHIC SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS (SIPs) 1 AND 2**  
**MONITORING AND EVALUATION 2002 TO 2006**

**REPORT BY:** **DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To bring to the Committee's attention the new Partnering Agreement between Dundee Partnership and the Geddes Centre, School of Town and Regional Planning, University of Dundee. The agreement covers the monitoring and evaluation work required for the Dundee geographic Social Inclusion Partnerships (SIPs) 1 and 2, from 1 April 2002 to 30 November 2006.
- 1.2 SIP 1 comprises an archipelago of four areas which are Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen and Hilltown/Maxwelltown. SIP 2 is made up of a number of small areas scattered throughout Dundee.
- 1.3 To provide a brief background to the monitoring and evaluation activities associated with Dundee Geographic SIPs 1 and 2. Copies of the Partnering Agreement are available in the members' lounge.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the Partnering Agreement.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Dundee SIP 1 is financed to run until November 2006. SIP 2 was due to end on 31 March 2002, but has been extended by the Scottish Executive to run for a further two years. It will run from 1 April 2002 until 31 March 2004, but with only 75% funding for the first extended year and 50% for the second.
- 3.2 The funding for the Partnering Agreement will be £26,000 paid annually to the Geddes Centre. This sum is made up of contributions of £5,000 from Scottish Enterprise Tayside; £5,000 from the Planning and Transportation Department Revenue Budget; and, subject to formal approval of the 2002/06 SIP bid, £16,000 from the SIP Fund. In addition to the annual payment, the salary cost of the existing secondee, currently £28,000 pa, is met by the Planning and Transportation Department.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Dundee Geographic SIPs 1 and 2 are based on the themes of The Dundee Partnership Regeneration Strategy, which are stability, sustainability, empowerment and prosperity. In particular the theme of empowerment runs strongly through the whole strategy.
- 4.2 Throughout the SIPs empowerment is achieved by, for example, locally managed services and "training and skills development" for local people. Progress has also been made to involve local communities in decisions that have influenced the SIP strategies, through local consultation and Neighbourhood Forums. Some SIP 1 and SIP 2 funded projects are directly

managed by local management committees, or similar organisations, that involve residents as members.

- 4.3 Dundee SIP 1 and SIP 2 address issues such as poverty, crime, health education and community involvement, and include a range of Dundee Partnership funded community projects in deprived areas of Dundee.
- 4.4 The evaluation work will examine demographic, socio-economic and other changes in the SIP 1 and SIP 2 areas and link this to the intervention of the SIP programmes. This process has also highlighted elements of best practice likely to enhance the performance of the SIPs, and which are sustainable for Phase 2 of the programme.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Dundee SIP 1 and SIP 2 are tackling the problems that disadvantaged groups face across Scotland. The SIP Programme forms the core of the Scottish Executive policy on Social Inclusion in Scotland, and along with the "Social Justice...A Scotland where EVERYONE matters" report, it is one of the key initiatives of the Ministerial Taskforce on Poverty led by the Minister for Social Justice, Iain Gray. The SIP Programme aims to tackle the problems of poverty, deprivation and social exclusion.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 The monitoring and evaluation of SIP 1 and SIP 2, which began in November 1996, is covered by the current Service Level Agreement between The Dundee Partnership and the Geddes Centre, which expires on 31 March 2002. The new Partnering Agreement will cover the period 1 April 2002 to 30 November 2006 for SIP 1, and 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2004 for SIP 2.
- 6.2 The Partnering Agreement has already been tabled at Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Group on 20 March 2002.

## **7 PARTNERING AGREEMENT WITH GEDDES CENTRE**

- 7.1 We will look to build on the positive experiences and "what worked" in the first period, and also the findings from the Mid-term Evaluation of SIP 1, and the End-term Evaluation of SIP 2. The monitoring of data will progress beyond the reporting of indicators onto a critical analysis and discussion within the context of other indicators, qualitative data and wider economic and policy influences.
- 7.2 Members should note that the relationship between The Dundee Partnership and the Geddes Centre has been a successful one, and has delivered on the needs of the Council, the Dundee Partnership and the Scottish Executive in appropriate areas.
- 7.3 Importantly, SIP 2 will be treated as distinct from SIP 1 and will have its own Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, Annual Report, and community engagement to link with The Dundee Partnership.
- 7.4 As part of the Partnering Agreement the Geddes Centre will shortly be preparing the Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks for SIPs 1 and 2, and a Work Programme for all the required monitoring and evaluation activities.
- 7.5 Additional staff resources will be required for the monitoring of SIP projects, financial and value for money data, and the new SIP2 "Cluster" areas, as being advanced. Additional staff resources identified as being necessary to monitor SIP projects, Value for Money Data and the SIP2 Cluster areas are currently being investigated.

**8 CONSULTATIONS**

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Social Work, Director of Planning and Transportation and the Director of Neighbourhood Resources Department, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

**9 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 The Mid-term Evaluation of the Dundee Social Inclusion Partnership 1 (SIP 1) Programme.  
The End-term Evaluation of the Dundee Social Inclusion Partnership 2 (SIP 2) Programme.  
Planning and Transportation Committee Report 262-2001. Committee item No iii  
27 August 2001.  
Planning and Transportation Committee Report 699-2000. Committee item No xvii  
4 December 2000.  
Planning and Transportation Committee Report 262-2001. Committee item No vi  
27 March 2000.  
Scottish Executive Guidance on Evaluation for Social Inclusion Partnerships.  
Social Inclusion Partnerships 1 and 2, Annual Report 2000/2001.

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