

**REPORT TO:** COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 16 JANUARY 2006

**REPORT ON:** EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY GRANT FUND III (2005-2006)

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

**REPORT NO:** 65-2006

**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 2005/2006.

**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 equalling 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 the Hindu Community in increasing access to services through providing information sharing sessions. Agencies such as the NHS will be invited on a regular basis to provide information and consult members. The Centre will also increase community awareness and understanding through providing open sessions for local schools and community members.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
Tayside Hindu Cultural and Community Centre	New PA system to allow the Centre to develop their inter-faith awareness programme and provide funds for consulting and informing the community.	1,690	1,250	1,250

**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:** 9 January 2006