

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 23 February 2009

REPORT ON: Grey Lodge Service Level Agreement 2009 - 2010

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 106-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for a Service Level Agreement to be extended between Dundee City Council and Grey Lodge Settlement for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

2.1 remits to the Director of Leisure and Communities, on behalf of Dundee City Council, to enter into a one year Service Level Agreement with Grey Lodge Settlement, subject to on-going monitoring and evaluation as to efficiency, economy and effectiveness, and remits the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Director of Leisure and Communities to keep these agreements under review and amend as appropriate.

2.2 approves grant aid of £61,201 for the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2010.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of this proposal can be contained within the Leisure and Communities' Third Party Revenue Grant Budget 2009-10. See Appendix 1.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Report No 621-2003, approved by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee on 10 November 2003, recommended, under paragraph 6.1, that "a further report be brought forward to enable Grey Lodge and similar organisations to become independent, including the transfer or redeployment of personnel currently seconded within the life of the current three year funding cycle, and to ensure no new proposed Council personnel secondment arrangements will be entered into should existing personnel leave."

4.2 Report No 196-2006, approved by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee, on 20 March 2006, recommended, under paragraph 2.1, that "the Director of Leisure and Communities enter, on behalf of Dundee City Council, into a three year Service Level Agreement with Grey Lodge Settlement, subject to on-going monitoring and evaluation as to efficiency, economy and effectiveness and remits the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Director of Leisure and Communities to keep these agreements under review and amend as appropriate."

4.3 For the purposes of clarity, this report is concerned only with the Council's contribution to organisations which it funds under grant aid.

4.4 Organisations receiving more than £45,000 are required to demonstrate compliance with the authority's Code of Guidance on Following The Public Pound.

4.5 Grey Lodge provides a wide range of services and facilities for a wide age range of local people residing in the Hilltown and across Dundee.

A comprehensive programme of Children's work, Youth work and Adult Learning is delivered to an agreed standard as determined in their Service Level Agreement with Dundee Council.

There is a thriving 'after school' Club, a playgroup and a youth work programme linked to the local Secondary Schools of Morgan Academy, St Johns and Braeview Academy.

Grey Lodge takes a particularly strong role in developing youth exchange programmes and works closely with Youth Scotland and the British Council to develop these.

4.6 Review of 2008-2009

Grey Lodge Settlement built on their past experience in International Exchanges and developed 3 major youth exchange programmes for young people from Dundee.

The Grey Lodge contribution to youth work has been significant over the past year with between 30 and 40 young people attending weekly groups.

Grey Lodge has a successful volunteer programme and supports up to adults and young people in a variety of ways to contribute through volunteering.

Grey Lodge has developed partnerships with DVA and DHLI to deliver a range of adult learning opportunities.

4.7 Major Plans for 2009-2010

Grey Lodge will continue to work with local young people to take forward International Youth Exchanges. They plan to host an International Youth workers Seminar and other training courses particularly aimed at supporting youth exchanges with Turkey. Grey Lodge will also be further strengthening their links with the DDC Leisure and Communities to ensure coordination in the delivery of quality youth work and adult learning provision in the area.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The Council values the efforts of voluntary sector partners in delivering key work priorities collaboratively.

6.2 This co-operation should be underpinned with clarity over each partner's responsibilities and expectations, and this report seeks authority to progress these aims positively and with mutual consent.

6.3 The Department's belief in voluntary organisations exercising community control over decision-making and organisational responsibilities is advanced by these proposals. Should any dissent arise over the implementation of these proposals, the views of the Committee will be sought.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance, and Grey Lodge Settlement have been consulted in the development of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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	Estimated Outturn 2008-2009	Draft Budget 2009-2010
	£	£
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs	151,020	152,000
Property Costs	38,100	38,000
Supplies and Services	26,090	26,000
Accommodation, Travel & Transport	38,475	33,000
Total Expenditure	253,685	249,000
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	23,020	24,000
Investment income and interest	3,270	2,000
Fundraising	5,850	8,000
Service Provision	72,880	74,000
Other Income	1,940	2,000
Sub Total	106,960	110,000
<u>Grants</u>		
DCC Grant	61,201	61,201
Other Grant income	75,000	75,000
Sub Total	136,201	136,201
Total Income	243,161	245,201
Surplus /(Deficit)*	(10,524)	(2,799)

The deficit will be covered by Grey Lodge reserves as declared in their end of year accounts.