

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
10 FEBRUARY 2003**

**REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP – ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2003/2004**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 118-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report makes recommendations for the further allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding for the financial year 2003/2004 in order that existing projects can be extended beyond their current funding period.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 notes the outcome of the SIP decision making process and agrees to the recommendations contained in Section 9 of this report.

2.2 instructs officers to proceed with implementation of these proposals, and any conditions contained in Appendix B.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 SIP1 and SIP2 Expenditure 2003/2004.

	Budget £	Previously committed expenditure £	Proposals contained in this report £	Balance Remaining £
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	2,347,621	1,806,385	51,689	489,547
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	209,000	187,078	-	21,922
Total	2,556,621	1,993,463	51,689	511,469

3.2 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund section of the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department Revenue Budget 2003/2004.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Social Inclusion Partnership 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's Community Regeneration Strategy. As such, the measures contained in this report will impact on numerous Agenda 21 targets.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The resources made available through the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 10% of enumeration districts at the time of the 1991 Census. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dundee City Council now supports two separate geographic Social Inclusion Partnership programmes. These programmes are:

- 6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covering Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown. The programme was approved in November 1996 and has the potential to run up to 31 March 2007.
- 6.3 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy approved by Communities Scotland. This strategy is based on four themes:
- Empowerment
 - Prosperity
 - Stability
 - Sustainability
- 6.4 The second programme, Social Inclusion Partnership 2, is restricted to those areas of multiple deprivation in Dundee which fall outwith Social Inclusion Partnership 1 areas. This programme will come to an end on 31 March 2004.

7.0 THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- 7.1 The criteria set out by Communities Scotland for the operation of Social Inclusion Partnerships requires the active involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from the community and voluntary sectors
- 7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the strategies through their own resources.
- 7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. It does so, however, under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Partnership Board.
- 7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process, there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the structures of the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications have been considered by the local SIP groups in each of the SIP 1 areas. The applications have also been considered by the SIP Grants Group and endorsed by the SIP Board.
- 7.5 The contribution made by local people in this process has been considerable, and their contribution is an integral part of the assessment and decision-making process.
- 7.6 The decision-making process in relation to SIP funding applications is as follows:



7.7 Each funding application has also been assessed against a range of specific criteria under the following headings:

- Quality of project proposal
- Strategic relevance
- Resourcing factors
- Project Management

8.0 KEY ISSUES

In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Social Inclusion Partnership Board must take account of a variety of factors. These include the Scottish Executive Guidance and Conditions of Grant, the specific themes and measures of the Social Inclusion Partnership Strategy, the priorities and needs identified by local people and the local Action Plans which have been developed for each of the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 communities.

8.2 All major projects which applied for extension funding were subject to an evaluation carried out either by an officer of the relevant lead department or an external evaluator. These evaluations were submitted and were considered as part of the assessment and decision making process. Where relevant, the recommendations by evaluators will be taken into account by projects during any extension funding period, as a condition of grant. Where a full evaluation was not carried out action was taken to ensure that those assessing the funding applications were fully aware of the activities of the project.

9.0 PROPOSALS

9.1 Revenue Expenditure Proposals – Social Inclusion Partnership 1 (Appendix A).

9.1.1 Proposals Recommended for Funding

The following proposals are recommended for funding.

Extension Applications

- Kirkton Community Lounge

Appendix B provides further details for the project listed above.

10.0 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance, Support Services, Planning and Transportation, Leisure and Arts, and Housing.

10.2 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.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report.

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APPENDIX A

REPORT TO : NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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REPORT ON : SIP1 AND SIP2 FUNDING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2002/2004
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<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	FINISH DATE	2002/2003		2003/2004	
		SIP 1 (£)	SIP 2 (£)	SIP 1 (£)	SIP 2 (£)

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2002/2003

Arthurstone Library Technical Feasibility Study Group	31.03.03		3,400		
Access All Areas (ringfenced grant)	31.03.03		10,000		
Accreditation for Community Activists	31.12.02	31,373	7,844		
Camperdown Church (security measures)	31.03.03		8,000		
Douglas - Environmental (Lea Rig)	31.03.03		10,000		
Dundee Families	31.03.03	72,492			
	31.03.03				
Dundee Football Club - Community Learning Partnership		20,000			
Dundee Vocational Training Initiative	31.12.02	106,939			
Erskine Street Pilot Study: Phase 2	31.03.03		25,000		
Hilltown Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme	31.03.03	25,000			
Kirkton Physical Regeneration Programme, Phase 4: Establish Safe Routes	31.03.03	23,000			
Maxwelltown Information Centre	31.03.03	96,465			
Mill O'Mains Residents' Association	31.03.03		5,700		
St Mary's Community Flat	31.03.03		8,000		

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/2004

Brooksbank Handyman/Steward	31.03.04	1,390		5,559	
Brooksbank Neighbourhood Centre - Property Costs	31.03.04	23,118		23,118	
Building The Future - Dundee International Women's Centre	31.03.04		15,069		19,160
Community Development & Health	31.03.04	44,335		51,336	
Construction Pre Apprentice Training Initiative	31.03.04	5,000		10,000	
Dundee Anti Poverty	31.03.04	47,385		50,248	
Dundee Energy Efficiency	31.03.04	3,000		3,000	
Dundee Home Safety Child Equipment Loan Scheme	31.03.04	18,891	7,396	9,999	9,999
Fintry North Youth Project	31.03.03		12,587		17,416
	31.03.04				
Hilltown Childcare Services		60,446		63,201	
Kirkton Communal Lounge	31.03.03	51,689		51,689	
Kirkton Security & Environmental Initiative, Phases 3 & 4	31.03.04	82,800		36,800	
Learning Around	31.03.04	99,134		100,831	
Mid Craigie Parish Project Shopping Service Day	31.03.04	7,636	4,129	6,098	6,099
Money Advice Support Team	31.03.04	133,794		137,935	
The Corner	31.03.04	60,931	26,113	63,101	27,044
Sheltered Housing Shopping Scheme	31.03.04	9,591	9,591	22,459	3,277
Small Grants Fund	31.03.04	77,986	45,723	25,000	
Stobswell Youth Strategy	31.03.04		8,000		12,892
Training Skills for Employment	31.03.04	79,328		82,937	

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2004/2005

Access to Learning	31.03.05	24,845		29,607	
Community Volunteering Project	31.03.05	42,650		42,962	
Dundee Business Support Group	31.03.05	25,806		26,516	

Dundee City Credit Union	31.03.05	39,355		25,200	
Dundee Employment & Aftercare Project - Training Officer	31.03.05	2,410		9,641	
Employment Aftercare	31.03.05	81,134		90,187	
Enterprise Advice Project	31.03.05	42,334		45,506	
'Know The Score' Peer Education Project (Substance Misuse)	30.06.04	20,460	20,460	28,371	28,371
Mid Craigie/Linlathen Integrated Under 12s	31.03.05	66,362		72,358	
Passport To Sport	31.03.05	21,007	4,001	21,624	4,119
Womens Support & Training	31.03.05	50,452	17,063	41,335	17,715
Youth Sports Development Project	31.03.05	123,462		103,196	
Youth Work Strategy Ardler/Kirkton	31.03.05	51,759		50,000	

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/2007

Community Capacity Project	30.09.06	41,522		51,173	
Dighty Environmental Group	30.11.06			10,527	
Dundee North Law Centre	30.11.06	63,328	37,099	66,412	35,761
Highwayman Community & Youth Project	30.11.06	96,235		47,079	
Hilltown Outreach Translation Service	30.11.06	9,856		20,021	
SIP Implementation Team	30.11.06	214,801		223,658	
SIP Monitoring and Evaluation	30.11.06	35,966		53,122	

Administration Costs		54,895	7,825	56,268	5,225
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Total Committed Expenditure		2,290,362	293,000	1,858,074	187,078
Allowance for Pay Awards and Increments		0	0		

Amount Available After Above Proposals		0	20,000	489,547	21,922
Total Communities Scotland Approved Funding		2,290,362	313,000	2,347,621	209,000

* Communities Scotland approved funding for Financial Year 2002/03 includes 2.5% increase for inflation & SIP1 Support Costs grant of £94,556.

* Communities Scotland indicative funding for Financial Year 2003/04 includes 2.5% increase for inflation & SIP1 Support Cost grant of £96,920.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2003/2004 APPENDIX B

Project Title: Kirkton Community Lounge
Sponsoring Body: Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 April 1994
Target Areas: Kirkton

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Kirkton Community Lounge is a well established community base which operates from two converted shop units in Beaully Avenue, Kirkton. The role of the Kirkton Community Lounge is to act as an enabler within the Social Inclusion Partnership area of Kirkton to assist groups and agencies to work with the community both locally and across the city. The project provides the following core services;

- A local base for agencies to provide outreach services; for example Dundee North Law Centre, Money Advice Support Team, Employment and Training Projects, Enterprise Advice Project and Energy Efficiency Project.
- A meeting place for groups and a drop in facility for residents to use as a base for meeting people, for accessing administrative services such as photocopying, word processing etc and to access informal learning programmes as identified by groups to enable them to become more involved in community initiatives.
- The opportunity to access training programmes for local residents in creche work and other programmes.
- Providing activities for the Under 12's in small group settings; for example arts and crafts, garden skills etc.
- Developing and promoting community based initiatives which include Kirkton Environmental Group and Funtime Kirkton.

The Project has an established Management Committee and part of the programme during any extension funding period would be to assist the Project to become self supporting during the extension period. This development has the support of the Lead Department which is Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project has been evaluated recently by Northern College. This was an update to an earlier evaluation carried out in 1998. The evaluation was an all round positive assessment of the Project's impact in the local area and the range of services and activities operated by the Project received commendation through the evaluation. The evaluation provided a number of options for future development including the option to lead to a fully independent Management Committee and self supporting project.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

There is broad support from all stakeholders for the extension of this project to allow it time to move forward towards local management. There is full support from the local Steering Group for the extension due to the local awareness that the Project does respond to the needs of local people and that it has been successful in fostering closer links with the Neighbourhood Centre. Kirkton Neighbourhood Development Group also supports the bid.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

During its extension period the project will be supported by its lead department to investigate alternative sources of funding and to move towards self sustaining finances.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for one year from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

Condition:

Funding conditional on attainment of long term external funding.