

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 20 February 2006

REPORT ON: Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team, Revenue Support 2006-2007

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 119-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team, 2006-2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £19,478 as set out in the Report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding recommended is £19,478, which sum is provided for in the Department's revenue budget for 2006-2007.

3.2 The terms and conditions of grant will be contained within a Funding Agreement 2006-2007, between Dundee City Council and Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The renewal of revenue funding to Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team will ensure the continued provision of a popular cultural service, that local needs are met locally, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team's mission statement is to provide open access, without fees or auditions, to participatory drama and community arts, to develop self-confidence and the transference of skills, and to use the theatre's resources and expertise to create a forum for wider community involvement and interaction. The Team delivers its programme within the community and directly engages those who may not normally participate in mainstream arts provision.

5.2 The Funding Agreement 2006-2007 will contain requirements that Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team practises equal opportunities in respect of its dealings with its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 In 2005-2006, the Education and Community Team has delivered 405 workshops to 9,951 participants. The programme supports regular sessions of the Women's Singing Group, the Youth Theatre, Senior Youth Theatre, Adult Drama Group and popular Saturday classes for 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 years. This is an increase of 31% in activity over the previous year.

6.2 Major achievements in 2005-2006 included:

- **Easter School Holiday Projects**
Two weeks of taster sessions for children and young people aged 4-12. Workshops included creative movement, voice, script analysis, improvisation and drama games.
- **Celebration Week**
A week long celebration of the work that goes on throughout the year at the Rep with performances from the Adult Drama Group, the Senior Youth Theatre, the Women's Singing Group, Scottish Dance Theatres groups and 4 local schools all showing their work.
- **Summer School**
Children and young people aged 4-17 were offered the opportunity to take advantage of the Rep's specialist resources. This was a joint project with Scottish Dance Theatre and Dundee Contemporary Arts.
- **Senior Youth Theatre New Play and tour - Maybe Tomorrow**
Following two well received performances at the Rep, the Senior Youth Theatre took their production to the Aberdeen International Youth Festival and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.
- **Adult Drama Group Production The Ballroom of Romance, by Stuart Paterson, based on the short story by William Trevor, combined the talents of the Rep's Community Company and Dundee songwriter Michael Marra.**
- **Braeview Arts Inclusion, with young people from Braeview High School, began in August 2004 and came to an end in June 2005. The group used group work, drama and theatre skills to address issues of behaviour, confidence and self expression.**
- **Working with the Rep's Community Outreach worker and media worker, a short DVD was created with a group of young mothers based at Whitfield Activity Centre.**
- **Dundee Rep continued to offer pupils in Dundee schools the opportunity to access the best in theatre with performances and workshops in schools of Dr Korczak's Example directed by James Brining.**
- **The Youth Theatre performed twice at the first Go Young People Dundee event held at the Dundee University Students' Association.**
- **A short DVD on the theme of Home has been produced looking at the many cultures that co-exist in modern Dundee and creating a new link with the Al-Maktoum Institute.**
- **Members of the regular groups performed Home, the first project by the new National Theatre of Scotland, in the McManus Galleries.**

6.4 Major plans for 2006-2007 include:

- **Exchange, a new project in conjunction with the National Theatre of Scotland. The Senior Youth Theatre will create a piece of theatre examining what it means to be young, Scottish and International and will exchange ideas with another Scottish Youth**

Theatre. A Festival of all 20 groups taking part will take place in July in Perth.

- Monkey, an opportunity for people aged 8+ to work with actors and dancers from Dundee Rep Ensemble and Scottish Dance Theatre to accompany the production of Monkey. This will be a partnership among all three companies within the Rep and will tour to Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- Continued expansion of links with schools, community groups and centres, multi-cultural institutes, other arts organisations within the city and visiting companies.
- A new Drama Therapist will join the team and expand the amount of work done with young people and adults with learning difficulties and mental health problems.
- GYPD 2 - following on from the success of Go Young People Dundee, a second such event is planned for late November 2006. Working with the Dundee Partnership, the Education and Community Team will contribute to the planning, management and delivery of this activities day for Dundee secondary school pupils.

6.5 The Education and Community Team continues to successfully raise external funding from a wide variety of sources to sustain its development and delivery of projects. It sustains 5 full-time job equivalents in the local economy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this Report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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**Dundee Repertory Theatre
Education and Community Team
(Appendix 1)**

	Projected Out- turn 2005-2006	Projected Budget 2006-2007
Expenditure	£	£
Staff costs, production costs, marketing costs, general overheads	171,903	174,107
Income		
Box Office, fees, sponsorship, donations, miscellaneous, project associated funding	59,312	69,478
Grants		
Scottish Arts Council Revenue	57,671	59,454
Scottish Arts Council Travel Grant	717	---
Scottish Arts Council Education Grant	25,000	25,000
Dundee City Council Revenue	19,238	19,478
Total Income	161,938	173,410
Net Expenditure	(9,965)	(697)
Surplus brought forward	10,469	504
Surplus carried forward	504	(193)