

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 11 May 2009

REPORT ON: Administrative Grants to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures 2008–2009

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 230-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year 2009-2010 to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures in existence or established during the year, and to confirm the formula for payment.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Administrative grants are awarded to all Community Councils currently in existence or established during 2009/2010 in accordance with the Council's Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils (see Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Administrative grants are also awarded to other Neighbourhood Representative Structures which meet the eligibility criteria set out in Committee Report No. 725 – 2002 (see Appendix 1).
- 2.3 Grants are awarded according to the following formula: a lump sum of £330 per Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure plus 1.2p per resident in each area (see Appendices 1 and 2).
- 2.4 An administration grant of £440 is awarded to Dundee Civic Forum.
- 2.5 Community Councils or Neighbourhood Representative Structures established beyond 1 April 2009 will only be eligible for a grant for the part of the year from their inception.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of grants awarded to established organisations is £4,485. This, along with the cost of grants to any new organisations will be contained within the Department's Revenue Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund Budget for 2009 – 2010.

4.0 ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARDS 2009 - 2010

4.1 The formula governing the award of administrative grants ensures that Community Councils/Neighbourhood Structures receive a basic lump sum of £330 plus an additional 1.2p per resident. To be eligible for a grant, Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures must first make formal application by submitting audited annual accounts for the period 2008-2009 where appropriate. To qualify for a grant award, the applicant body should have less than twice the amount of their recommended

grant in their administrative account at 31 March 2009.

- 4.2 The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are 4 Community Councils: Broughtly Ferry, Fintry, City Centre and Harbour and West End. It should be noted that Kingsway West Community Council agreed to dissolve in March 2009 and this matter is being progressed.
- 4.3 Ardler Village Trust, the Kirkton Partnership and Stobswell Forum continue to operate as recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structures, and in so doing fulfil the role of Community Councils for their respective areas. In addition to this, the Whitfield Development Group became a recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structure in 2008/2009 and plans are being progressed to create a new Community Council or Neighbourhood Representative Structure in Coldside.
- 4.4 The Dundee Civic Forum enables Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures to share information, develop training programmes and promote their development.
- 4.5 Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures established after 1 April 2009 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months they are operational between 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

5.0 REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

- 5.1 The findings of the Scottish Government's Community Council Working Group (CCWG) were published in March 2009. It had been expected that findings of the Review would be published in October 2008. However, there has been a delay of six months.
- 5.2 The National Model Scheme For The Operation Of Community Councils produced by the CCWG will be used to review Dundee's City Council's Scheme For The Operation Of Community Councils, including the boundaries, between May 2009 and April 2010.
- 5.3 The review of Dundee City Council's Scheme For The Operation Of Community Councils will be followed by Community Council elections.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The report has been screened for policy implications, in respect of sustainability, strategic environment assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management.

There are no major issues.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: PROPOSED BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2009 – 31 MARCH 2010

No	Name	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2p Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
1	Ancrum/Blackness	8056	330	97	427
2	Ardler/Blackshade	2786	330	33	363
3	Broughty Ferry	18439	330	221	551
4	Caird	2229	330	27	357
5	Charleston	4305	330	52	382
6	City Centre and Harbour	2727	330	33	363
7	Craigiebank and District	3379	330	41	371
8	Douglas and Angus and Craigie	8109	330	97	427
9	Downfield and Brackens	9582	330	115	445
10	Fintry	6658	330	80	410
11	Hilltown and District	10339	330	124	454
12	Kirkton	7771	330	93	423
13	Lochee	5931	330	71	401
14	Kingsway West Community Council	6433	330	77	407
15	Mid Craigie/Linlathen	4512	330	54	384
16	Rockwell/Fairmuir	7646	330	92	422
17	Stobswell and District	12445	330	149	479
18	West End	14565	330	175	505
19	Whitfield	6258	330	75	405
Dundee Civic Forum			440		440
Totals					8416

Populations based on the General Register Office (Scotland) 2005 mid-year estimates.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010

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Broughty Ferry Community Council	18439	330	221	551
Fintry Community Council	6658	330	80	410
West End Community Council	14565	330	175	505
City Centre and Harbour Community Council	2727	330	33	363
Ardler Village Trust	2786	330	33	363
Stobswell Forum	12445	330	149	479
Kirkton Partnership	7771	330	93	423
Whitfield Development Group	6258	330	75	405
Coldside Neighbourhood Representative Structure (Hilltown, Fairmuir and Rockwell areas)	17985	330	216	546
Dundee Civic Forum (see Para 7.6)	-	440	-	440
Totals				4,485

Community Councils	£1,829
Neighbourhood Representative Structures	£2,216
Dundee Civic Forum	<u>£ 440</u>
Total	£4,485

APPENDIX 3**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMIN GRANTS 2008-2009**

Date	Details	Amount
12/05/08	Broughty Ferry Community Council	551.00
26/08/08	West End Community Council	505.00
26/08/08	Ardler Village Trust	363.00
26/08/08	Kirkton Partnership	423.00
08/09/08	Whitfield Development Group	405.00
18/09/08	City Centre and Harbour Community Council	363.00
TOTAL		2,160.00

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS 2008-2009

Date	Details	Amount
05/09/08	Broughty Ferry Community Council	500.00
04/11/08	West End Community Council	500.00
TOTAL		1,000.00