

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,
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**REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS – ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2001/2002**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 24-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report makes recommendations for the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding for the financial year 2001/2002 in order that existing projects can be extended beyond their current termination dates, and new projects can be established.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 notes the outcome of the competitive selection process and agrees to the recommendations contained in Section 9.1, 9.2 and Appendices B, C, D and E.

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 Revenue Expenditure 2001/2002 (Appendix A).

	Budget £	Previously committed expenditure £	Proposals contained in this report £	Balance Remaining £
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	1,955,000	1,205,252	749,748	-
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	274,000	127,543	47,085	99,372
Total	2,229,000	1,332,795	796,833	99,372

3.2 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund section of the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department Revenue budget 2001/2002 for the above expenditure.

3.3 SIP 1 Capital Expenditure 2001/2002 (Appendix E)

Capital Budget £	Previously Committed £	Proposals contained in this report £	Balance Remaining £
225,000	26,183	145,000	53,817

3.4 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund section of the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department capital budget 2001/2002 for the above expenditure

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 measure 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, and will be subject to a Scottish Executive mid term evaluation during 2001/2002.

6.3 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy approved by the Scottish Executive. 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. It is targeted primarily on residents of the Whitfield/Charleston areas. This programme was funded for five years only, and will come to an end on 31 March 2002.

7.0 THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

7.1 The criteria set out by the Scottish Executive for the operation of Social Inclusion Partnerships requires the active involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from the community and voluntary sectors.

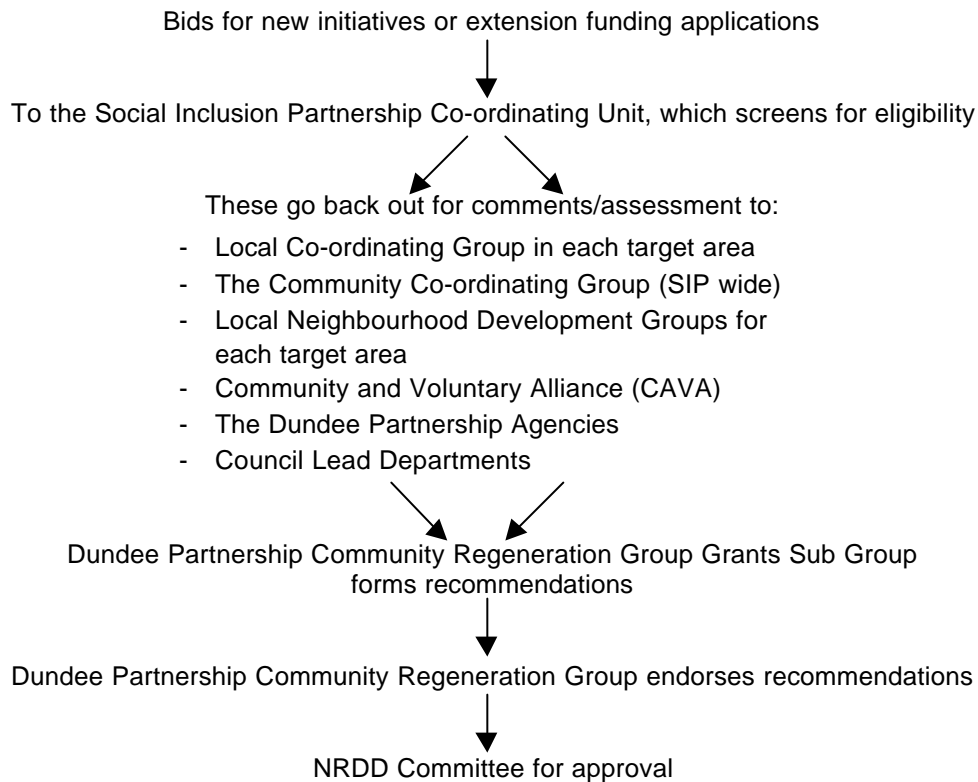
7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the strategies through their own resources.

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 Partnership.

7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the local structures relating to the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications for funding have been considered by local Steering Groups in each of the four Social Inclusion Partnership 1 Areas and by the SIP-wide Community Co-ordinating Group. Local people are also represented on the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Group.

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 as it applies to the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 and 2 geographic programmes is as follows:



8.0 KEY ISSUES

- 8.1 In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Group 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 In order to take full recognition of local area Action Plans, the identified needs of local communities and the development of city wide issues and strategies a seminar was held on 29 June 2000 for the purpose of identifying priorities which would be taken into account in the decision-making and assessment process for applications. This event was attended by local people, officers of the Council and other Partner agencies. The seminar gave a valuable opportunity for the Partnership to be fully briefed on the local needs identified through local consultation, forums, and area Action Plans in order that these could be taken into account during the assessment and decision-making process.
- 8.3 The Partnership remains concerned at the limited funding available for proposals and initiatives in Social Inclusion Partnership areas. This is highlighted by the forthcoming end to the Social Inclusion Partnership 2 funding which terminates on 31 March 2002. Notwithstanding this situation, the Partnership invited new proposals for funding this year. This is contrast to the 1999 process where no new applications were considered for funding. Of the 29 applications received, 18 were applications for extension funding and the remainder were for new initiatives including some capital projects.
- 8.4 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 in August 2000 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.

8.5 In summary proposals received can be classified into the following type:

- Community Based Services/Information/Training
- Anti Poverty/Health/Family
- Employment and Training
- Leisure/Arts/Young people
- Area Based Capital Projects

9.0 PROPOSALS

9.1 Revenue Expenditure Proposals - Social Inclusion Partnership 1 and Social Inclusion Partnership 2 (Appendix A)

9.1.1 Proposals Recommended for Funding

The following proposals are recommended for funding.

Extension Applications

- Community Development and Health Project
- Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum
- Training Skills for Employment
- Hilltown Childcare Services
- Kirkton Community Lounge
- Money Advice Support Team
- Learning Around
- Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project
- Community Capacity Project
- Happyhillock Resource Base
- Mid Craigie/Linlathen Under 12's Project
- Braeview Supported Study Project
- Youth Work Strategy, Kirkton/Ardler
- Small Grants Fund (SIP1 and 2)

New Projects

- Social Survey
- Hilltown Outreach Translation Service

Appendix B provides further details for the major projects listed above.

9.1.2 Proposals Deferred

Decisions on the following proposals have been deferred pending further clarification of issues:

- Brooksbank Community Café
- Access to and Engagement in Children's Learning for Ethnic Minority Mothers
- Passport to Sport

Specific reasons for the deferral of recommendations on the above proposals are given in Appendix C.

The Dundee Partnership Grants Sub Group will consider the deferred proposals in February 2001, following which final recommendations will be reported to Committee. Allocations of revenue funding for deferred proposals have been provisionally ring-fenced pending the Partnership's final recommendations.

9.1.3 Proposals Not Recommended for Funding

As a result of the competitive selection process, the following proposals have not been recommended for funding.

Extension Funding

- Community Based Theatre and Training

New Applications

- Arts Inc.com
- Dundee City Credit Union

Appendix D to this report gives specific reasons for these recommendations.

- 9.1.4 A provisional allocation has been made in respect of pay award 2001/2002. Once the pay award has been agreed, any shortfall in the provisional allocation will be given priority in the final allocation of available resources.

Similarly a provisional allocation has been made for the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 Revenue Small Grants on the basis that this allocation will be supplemented if resources become available during the financial year.

9.2 Capital Expenditure Proposals

9.2.1 Proposals Recommended for Funding

The following capital proposals have been recommended for funding:

- Kirkton - Establish Safe Routes
- Kirkton - Improvements to Community Space at Thornton Road
- Ann Street Environmental Improvements
- Hub/Brooksbank Environmental Improvements
- Hilltown Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme

Specific details of the above proposals are contained in Appendix E.

A condition attached to all of the above proposals is as follows:

Planning and Transportation Department must confirm in due course that all other match funding, as detailed in the applications, has been put in place.

Any changes to the identified match funding that may affect the full implementation of the projects must be reported to the SIP Co-ordinator as soon as such information becomes available, for subsequent reporting to the Grants Sub Group.

9.2.2 Proposals Deferred

A decision on the following proposal has been deferred pending further clarification of issues:

- Hilltown Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

The application will be reconsidered by the Dundee Partnership Grants Sub Group in February 2001, following which a final recommendation will be reported to Committee. An allocation of capital funding for this proposal has been provisionally ring-fenced pending the Partnership's final recommendation.

Specific reasons for the deferral of this proposal is given in Appendix C

10.0 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Director of Support Services, the Director of Planning and Transportation, the Director of Economic Development, the Director of Education, the Director of Social Work, the Director of Leisure and Parks, the Director of 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.

10.3 The recommendations are based on targets set by the Scottish Executive Development Department and the Dundee Partnership targets. Area regeneration strategies for Kirkton, Ardler, Mid Craigie/Linlathen and Hilltown have also been considered in forming the recommendations contained within Appendix B of this report. These local area strategies take into account the views expressed in a variety of consultative meetings and events within each local community.

11.0 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.

Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development _____

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 REPORT ON : SIP1 AND SIP 2 REVENUE FUNDING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR2 2001/2004
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PROJECT TITLE	FINISH DATE	2001/2002		2002/2003	2003/2004
		SIP 1 (£)	SIP 2 (£)	SIP 1 £	SIP 1 £
FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002					
Accreditation for Community Activists	31.03.02	48,194	18,167		
Business Support Group	31.03.02	25,000			
Community Volunteering Initiative	31.03.02	28,214			
Dundee Music Partnership	31.03.02	10,000			
Dundee North Law Centre	31.03.02	49,817	17,883		
Employment Aftercare Project	31.03.02	59,978	9,725		
Enterprise Advice Project	31.03.02	37,438			
The Comer	31.03.02	57,658	16,473		
SIP Implementation Team	31.03.02	177,823	16,403		
Women's Support & Training	31.03.02	51,291	14,655		
Youth Sports Development Project	31.03.02	133,255			
FINANCIAL YEAR 2002/2003					
Dundee Families Project	31.03.03	107,755	24,731	66,242	
Dundee Vocational Training Initiative	31.12.02	132,627		99,470	
Highwayman Youth and Community Centre	31.03.03	127,656		96,508	
Maxwelltown Information Centre	30.03.03	90,644		83,472	
Administration Costs		46,625	6,850	46,625	46,625
Total Committed Expenditure		1,183,975	124,887	392,317	46,625
PROJECTS UP FOR EXTENSIONS					
One Year Allocation					
Mid Term Evaluation (Social Survey)	31.03.02	10000			
Evaluation Fee	31.03.02	9000			
Small Grants SIP 1	31.03.02	25000			
Small Grants SIP 2	31.03.02		15000		
Braeview Supported Study	31.03.02		30000		
Two Year's Allocation					
Mid Craigie/ Linlathen Integrated Under 12's	31.03.03	61138		61138	
Youth Work Strategy Ardlar/Kirkton	31.03.03	50000		50000	
Hilltown Outreach Translation Service	31.03.03	9280		9280	
Community Capacity Project	31.03.03	40967		40967	
Kirkton Community Lounge	31.03.03	46757		46757	
Three Year Allocation					
Happyhillock Resource Base	31.03.04	22381		22381	22381
Hilltown Childcare Services	31.03.04	55099		55099	55099
Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project	31.03.04	1590	1410	3000	3000
Money Advice Support Team	31.03.04	121154		121154	121154
Dundee Anti Poverty Forum	31.03.04	41989		41989	41989
Community Development and Health Project	31.03.04	45333		45333	45333
Training Skills for Employment	31.03.04	72236		72236	72236
Learning Around	31.03.04	88553		88553	88553
Deferred Projects With Provisional Allocation					
Community Training Café	31.03.04	10878			
Passport To Sport	31.03.04	21768			
Access & Engagement in Children's Learning etc	31.03.04	16625			
Total Costs of Proposal		749748	46410	657887	449745
Allowance for Pay awards and Increments		21,277	3,331		
Amount Available after above proposal		0	99,372	904,796	1,458,630
Total Scottish Executive Approved Funding		1,955,000	274,000	1,955,000	1,955,000

* SIP 2 funding will end 30th November 2001.

* Scottish Executive Approved Funding includes 2.5% increase for inflation for the financial years 2000/02 and SIP1 Support Cost Grant of £90,000.

* Scottish Executive Indicative Funding for the financial years 2002/03 & 2003/04

* Indicative Support costs of £90,000 for 2002/03 and 2003/04 have been included

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(1)

Project Title: Mid Term Evaluation (Social Survey 2001)
Sponsoring Body: Dundee Partnership (SIP Monitoring and Evaluation Unit)
Type Of Application: New
Start Date: 1 April 2001
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Social Survey will be an integral part of the Mid Term Social Inclusion Partnership 1 Evaluation, and will seek information and views across a broad range of issues. The Survey will be used by a number of agencies from within the Dundee Partnership including the community and voluntary sectors.

The Survey will be geared to the following main objectives:

1. It will feed into the evaluation process of the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 at its mid term point.
2. It will provide a detailed socio economic profile of need in the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 communities.
3. It will provide qualitative research on other issues arising out of Scottish Enterprise, Partnership and Council strategies. The Social Survey will provide the primary information required to examine the outcomes of and the impact of the Social Inclusion Partnership over the first five years of its designation.

A consultant will be appointed to carry out the Social Survey.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Not applicable.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Overall there is support for the undertaking of this Social Survey across the Community Co-ordinating Groups and the local Neighbourhood Development Groups.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award funding for one year from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(2)

Project Title: Braeview Supported Study Project
Sponsoring Body: Education Department
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 July 1996
Target Areas: Whitfield and environs

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Braeview Supported Study Project provides after school supported study services for pupils of Braeview Academy and their parents. The programme includes general supported study services where students can use resources to complete homework, revision, projects etc, personal development programmes.

To support the students with their work the project provides

- Designated areas within the school to work in
- Tutors to support students with their work and to run workshops
- Access to numerous resources including a wide range of IT equipment.

The purpose of the project is to enable pupils to overcome some of the barriers experienced in relation to study, which may include lack of adult support at home, limited resources/facilities at home and other responsibilities which take precedence over study, for example part-time employment or caring for siblings. The project aims to raise self esteem, enable pupils to set goals and improve learning skills.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project was evaluated during 1999 by a member of the Education Department. The project received a very positive evaluation and the evaluation demonstrated that the project had made significant impact on the improvement homework and study skills by pupils.

The project is eligible for a further year's funding under the Social Inclusion Partnership 2 programme. Complementary funding is provided through the Education Department for the initiative.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership acknowledged fully the successes of the Braeview Supported Study Project and was extremely keen to see the lessons and experience of this project extended to other schools in the Social Inclusion Partnership areas. The Partnership also stressed the need for the project to be fully supported by the Education Department through its complementary funding.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The Education Department and Advisory Group will continue to seek other avenues of funding to continue the work of the project.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for one year at current level from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

Reason For No Award Of Supplementary Funding

Given the limited resources available to the Social Inclusion Partnership and the demand for these resources, the Partnership has not recommended any application for supplementary funding.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(3)

Project Title: Mid Craigie And Linlathen Under 12's Project
Sponsoring Body: Under 12's Project Management Committee
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 October 1998
Target Area: Mid Craigie/Linlathen

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Under 12's Project provides out of school care for parents and carers who are working, at college, training or doing voluntary work. This service is available before and after school, on in service days and during holidays. The project also provides after school, weekend and holiday activities for primary school aged children, as well as pre-school activities during term time, to 0-5 year olds and their families. This includes a weekly health visitor clinic, family support through individual and group work ; for example, stress management, healthy cookery and parenting skills, etc.

The project is also very much involved in relevant forums and groups such as the Mid Craigie/Linlathen Early Years and Child Care Network, Dundee Out of School Care Network, Dundee Early Year and Childcare Partnership and other local initiatives. Over the past year the project has opened up training opportunities to local people through the New Deal and has provided student training placements.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Over the past year the project has continued to provide key services in child care within the Mid Craigie/Linlathen area. Over 120 families currently use the project. In addition up to 24 5-12 year olds are able to access before school and after school sessions each week and during holiday time. The project is an integral service in Mid Craigie/Linlathen where the drive to sustain the development and prosperity of the community is very high in the priorities of local people.

The project's current period of Social Inclusion Partnership funding ends on 31 March 2001. The project has been extremely successful in attracting external funding to replace and supplement existing Social Inclusion Partnership funding; however the project has identified that although it has been successful in fundraising so far it does require the continuation of core funding through the Social Inclusion Partnership fund in order to enable it to continue to provide key childcare services in the area.

The project has been reviewed during 2000 within the context of local childcare provision in Mid Craigie/Linlathen. This review concluded that the project provides a service which complement other childcare provision in the area and as such is extremely important for the continued prosperity and empowerment of local people. For this reason the review concluded that there was a need to continue to provide funding for the project in order to enable it to continue to survive.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Education Department Childcare Partnership Team confirmed that its Family Support Co-ordinator has forged a strong and productive link with the project and is looking at ways of involving the project directly in childcare strategies which may have the potential to provide additional funding in the future. The Childcare Partnership also intends to continue to provide some funding for the project from the childcare funding available to the Education Department.

On the basis of the continued commitment of the Early Years and Childcare Partnership to the project, its identified priority within the Mid Craigie/Linlathen area and the effective performance of the project the Partnership considers that the funding for the project should continue to enable the project to continue to provide a service.

The project has the support of the local Mid Craigie/Linlathen Steering Group and the Neighbourhood Development Group.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project has been extremely successful in attracting external funding and will continue to investigate alternative funding during the period of extension.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for two years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2003.

Condition:

No further funding application for core funding will be considered by the Social Inclusion Partnership.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(4)

Project Title: Youth Work Strategy Kirkton/Ardler
Sponsoring Body: Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: July 2000
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The project will focus the efforts of agencies, departments and the community in a common strategic approach to working with children and young people in the north west of Dundee. Through the strategy young people will benefit from a range of measures delivered by a variety of stakeholders around four themes:

- Children's work/safe play - club and theme work, family activities, trips.
- Personal and social development - based around developing activities and training opportunities which help young people learn more about themselves and the wider community.
- Music, art and drama - encourage activities which allow access to a wide range of mediums.
- Sports and adventure - create club and coaching sessions, subsidised access to local facilities, encourage healthy lifestyles.

The proposal is to employ a Project Co-ordinator who will consult with local people and local young people and with the various agencies to develop a comprehensive programme around the themes listed above. The project will also recruit and train up to 18 local volunteers per year from the community served by the project. The project will be managed by a locally based management committee comprising local people, advisers and young people who will be instrumental in making decisions on the range of activities and services to be provided.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The Ardler/Kirkton Youth Work Strategy was awarded £50,000 for the financial year 200/2001, for the purpose of initiating a programme of activities across the two areas. The project has taken some time to proceed with its development; however with the support of local staff a number of specific initiatives have been funded during the year 2000/2001. This includes, for example, holiday activities based at Ardler Complex, the Community Lounge and Kirkton Neighbourhood Centre, local arts work within Kirkton, and specific projects for young people within the Kirkton Community Lounge. The project represents a new approach to the development of youth work services and will be based upon the involvement of a wide range of service providers rather than through the implementation of a specific youth work team. It is anticipated that this will result in a wider programme of activities being available for young people.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership recognises the crucial importance of providing services for young people in Kirkton/Ardler and the priority given to this work within the local community. The Partnership considered that a range of information was still needed in order to ensure that the project is taken forward as effectively as possible and this information is outlined as a condition of grant below.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

A basic premise of the project is that specific measures within the youth work programme will have an underlying principle of moving towards self sustainability. Wherever possible activities will be the subject of bids to the appropriate Lottery Grant and other schemes. Initial discussions have been held on the potential for bids with NRDD's Income Generation Officer.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for two years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2003.

Conditions:

A report detailing

- Outline programme of activities
- Details of management arrangements
- Procedures for purchasing/providing new services
- How the strategy will target both Baldragon Academy and Lawside Academy

must be submitted to the SIP Co-ordinator by 28 February 2001.

Report to be submitted to SIP Co-ordinator on progress of strategy implementation at the end of year one of the project.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(5)

Project Title: Hilltown Outreach Translation Service
Sponsoring Body: Community Outreach Team Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type of Application: New
Start Date: 1 April 2000
Target Areas: Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This project would provided dedicated translation support to improve access and take up of services offered by the voluntary and local authority sectors within Maxwelltown Information Centre. These services include:

- Money Advice Support Team
- Dundee North Law Centre
- Housing Department
- Immigration Information
- Police
- Self employment and Enterprise Advice etc

The purpose of the project is to reduce language barriers to service take up by the ethnic minority communities and to facilitate the act of involvement of the ethnic minority communities in the regeneration process. The current translators services are not available to meet the potential demand for this service due to staffing levels and cost etc. Predominantly the project would provide translation in Urdu and Punjabi.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Not applicable

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The partnership has assessed this project positively while acknowledging that there may be need for extended outreach translation services for other Ethnic Minority Communities. The partnership would also like to see attention given to alternative methods of providing outreach services for translation across the Social Inclusion Partnership areas. This is an area of development which the Partnership will be considering in due course.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

It is anticipated that the success of this project will increase overall demand for the translators project and in the long run this will increase income and improve sustainability of the post.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award funding for two years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2003.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(6)

Project Title: Community Capacity Project
Sponsoring Body: Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: July 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Community Capacity Project was established in July 1998. It was created with the purpose of increasing the capacity of community activists to carry out tasks associated with project management and monitoring and evaluation in order for them to take a more active part in the management and evaluation of local projects.

The project operates by providing a variety of training and skill development opportunities for local people and staff of local projects including those funded through Social Inclusion Partnership Fund. During its initial funding period the skill development opportunities have focused on

1. Personal Power and Communication,
2. Project Management,
3. Monitoring and Evaluation.

The project has also been instrumental in developing a wide range of resource and information packages for local people and projects.

The project is managed by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department, and within a period of extension funding would be incorporated within the structure of the Accreditation Project.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project has recently been established by a member of staff from the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department Quality Assurance Unit. The work of the project was found to be highly valued by those participating and has already been seen to have had an impact at a local level. Project records show that 68 groups/projects were represented at training events during the initial funding period, and a total number of 455 participants took part in skill development opportunities during the whole project. The project also produced materials of a high standard, well designed and able for practical use by local people and project staff.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Overall local Community Co-ordinating Groups supported the extension of the project but were keen to see the project linking closely with other complementary service providers. The Partnership acknowledged that the increase of local people's capacity to take on responsibility and participate within local project and initiatives was an essential element of the overall community regeneration strategy.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

It is intended to seek matched funding for the project through European funding.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for two years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2003.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B (7)

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 Beaulay 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 two years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2003.

Condition:

SIP Co-ordinator to receive a report by 30 September 2001 on progress made towards independent management arrangements.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(8)

Project Title: Happyhillock Neighbourhood Resource Base
Sponsoring Body: Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 June 1998
Target Areas: Mid Craigie, Ardler, Hilltown, Kirkton

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Happyhillock Neighbourhood Resource Base provides a base for a number of Social Inclusion Partnership and community based projects including,

- Dundee Money Advice Support Team
- Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum
- Community Health Project
- Dundee Home Safety Child Equipment Loan Scheme
- Social Inclusion Partnership Worker Base.

Although located at Happyhillock, the above projects provide services in all Social Inclusion Partnership areas. It is anticipated that Dundee North Law Centre will also relocate to the Neighbourhood Resource Base in the near future. Overall the location of these projects in the Resource Base enables the integration of service provision at a local level.

The application is for the cost of lease and building costs for the base.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The provision of the Happyhillock Neighbourhood Resource Base has approved an effective vehicle for enabling local people to access support and advice services. The fact that a number of projects are located within one base enables there to be improved communication at a local and strategic level regarding the provision of advice and support services. The base also provides a point at which local people can seek information regarding Council service provision. The project has recently been awarded Social Inclusion Partnership Small Grants Fund resources to enable them to make minor building improvements for disabled access and more effective use of the premises.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership's concerns over leasing difficulties have now been resolved through a five year lease being agreed for the building. The lease is intended to be held by Dundee City Council Housing Department, and there are plans to upgrade the car park and improve the general appearance of the shops and units adjacent to the base. The Partnership appreciated that the base is very much a community facility providing services; however, the Partnership considered that the long term accommodation needs of projects and initiatives was required to ensure that the continuation of suitable premises for projects was established prior to the exit of Social Inclusion Partnership Strategy.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

During its extension period the Neighbourhood Resource Base Users Group which comprises representatives of the projects located at the base will be considering the possibility of alternative funding to secure suitable premises in the long term.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension for up to three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

Condition:

Users Group and other stakeholders must meet with the SIP Co-ordinator to explore options for sustainable community accommodation within Mid Craigie/Linlathen.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(9)

Project Title: Hilltown Childcare Services
Sponsoring Body: Education Department
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 January 1999
Target Area: Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Hilltown Childcare Initiative has its roots in a community consultation undertaken by Dundee City Council in March 1997 and a follow up consultation in June 1997. These exercises confirmed that the Hilltown community had identified an urgent need for affordable, flexible childcare services for 3 to 12 year olds particularly for the following provision: playgroups, holiday care and information about service provision and accessibility

Following extensive consultation three main service providers in the area, Grey Lodge Settlement, Hilltown Out of School Care Club and the Highwayman Youth and Community Centre identified areas within their own service provision which could be expanded to meet local childcare needs. These service providers subsequently became integrated to the provision of child care services in the Hilltown area. From these bases, the project provides a co-ordinated child care service in the Hilltown area comprising after school club, creches and holiday activities. An Information Worker is also employed through the project at Grey Lodge Settlement to co-ordinate the provision of local information about child care services and to promote the development of local involvement in the initiative. The project is under the strategic supervision of the Education Department through the Childcare and Early Years Partnership, and has a Management Group comprising representatives of the three providing organisations as well as local officers from NRDD and the Education Department.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project was evaluated by a member of the Early Years and Childcare Team within the Education Department. The evaluation found the impact of the project was evident in the Hilltown area. The three main projects within the initiative have developed their services in response to the demands of the local community. Each project provides a vibrant and increasingly well supported and attended range of activities. Within the context of child care and family support services this provision combines to provide opportunities within the Hilltown through which parents and carers can maintain employment commitments, take up educational training, combat isolation, undertake voluntary work and develop links with other adults. As well as this, children benefit from the participation in services by having fun, mixing with other children and adults extending their skills and gaining new experiences in personal and social development. Each project has demonstrated quality in the provision and this is supported by the highly positive comments made by the beneficiaries of each service during the evaluation. The Steering Group is now operating effectively and has brought the responsibilities of the group and its direction into sharper focus, providing a good example of effective collaborative planning and organisation.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership is encouraged by the development of this initiative and recognises that the initiative remains a local priority. The initiative is supported by the local Social Inclusion Partnership Steering Group and the Neighbourhood Development Group.

The proposal for the extension included provision for additional supplementary funding for the regrading of the Information Development Worker. The Partnership considered that given the limited revenue resources to the Partnership and the demand for these resources, the Partnership has not recommended any application for supplementary revenue funding.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project is currently exploring other avenues of funding, and each of the three agencies providing the child care services have the capacity to attract alternative sources of funding independently also.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

Conditions:

1. Information Worker post grade to be reviewed by Personnel Department. Any financial implications arising from this review to be reported to the Grants Sub Group.

2. Report to be submitted to the SIP Co-ordinator by 30 September 2001, detailing progress on the implementation of Evaluation Report recommendations.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(10)

Project Title: Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project
Sponsoring Body: Save Cash and Reduce Fuel (SCARF) and Housing Department Improvements and Maintenance Unit
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 November 1998
Target Areas: All Social Inclusion Partnership Areas

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Dundee Energy Efficiency Advice Project was established in November 1998 to address fuel poverty issues across the city of Dundee and to assist in meeting the Council's obligations under the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995. Social Inclusion Partnership funding was awarded at that time in order to provide a Social Inclusion Partnership focus to the work of the project. The project also attracts funding from a variety of sources including the Housing Department, Economic Development Department and its sponsoring body.

In summary, the project's key objectives are to:

- Provide impartial energy advice
- Improve communities' ability to achieve affordable warmth and increased comfort levels leading to promotion of good health and alleviating poverty
- Improving energy efficiency
- Reducing CO2 emissions.

The project employs one full time and one part time Energy Advisor. The full time Advisor is accommodated in the Housing Department where the worker has access to office services and has direct liaison with Housing Department staff.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project was recently evaluated by an officer of the Improvements and Maintenance Unit of the Housing Department. Overall, the project has received a very positive evaluation with evidence that over the period of initial funding the project has initiated and developed a number of key initiatives in relation to fuel poverty. These include

1. Energy advice by phone and through home visits (in Social Inclusion Partnership areas 197 advice sessions were provided by telephone and 130 home visits took place).
2. Referrals to agencies administering warm deal.
3. Liaison with the fuel companies.
4. Raising energy awareness amongst Council staff.
5. Providing drop-in surgeries in Social Inclusion Partnership areas.
6. Providing presentations on central heating.
7. School visits highlighting the importance of energy saving.
8. Distribution of low energy light bulbs to those in need.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership assessed this project very positively and there is overall support within each of the Social Inclusion Partnership areas for the continuation of the project during an extension period.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project will be endeavouring to identify alternative sources of funding during extension period. Energy efficiency information which has been developed within the community will be a legacy of the project once funding sources are discontinued through Social Inclusion Partnership.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(11)

Project Title: Money Advice Support Team
Sponsoring Body: Dundee Voluntary Action
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 April 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Money Advice Support Team which is based within the Happyhillock Neighbourhood Resource Centre has the key objective of providing a fully comprehensive money advice service to residents of the targeted areas. The project also seeks to encourage self-esteem by enhancing clients' ability to organise their finances, to develop community participation on debt related issues and to work with Dundee City Council and the voluntary sector to develop a strategic response and approach to debt issues. As well as the specialist work involving complex debt issues, MAST also forms part of a network of advice agencies who seek to offer a comprehensive city wide access to advice work. The project is supported professionally by the Welfare Rights Section of the Social Work Department.

The project has five full time staff including Project Co-ordinator and three Money Advice Workers who provide front line services to a range of client groups within local communities. The project offers advice through locally based surgeries which are held in public access areas such as, for example, Maxwelltown Information Centre, Ardler Complex, Kirkton Community Lounge.

The Project has been involved with Dundee City Council and other agencies in the development of the City Anti-Poverty Strategy.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project has been evaluated by the Contract Officer within the Social Work Department. The evaluation found that the focus of work carried out by the project is of a high standard and that there are a number of procedural and administrative changes which require improvement to enable the project to deliver an adaptable and continuing professional service. The evaluation found that the project has impacted significantly on the needs of its identified client group, and that clients are extremely satisfied with the level and professionalism of the service they have received; this is despite staff shortages over the previous year. As at 1 April 2000 the Money Advice Support Team were working with a caseload of 649 cases, of which 312 were new clients to the project in the year 1999/2000. During the same year the project was able to reschedule debt and promote income maximisation for clients to the value of approximately £345,000.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Overall, the Partnership gave a positive assessment to this proposal, and supported the extension of funding for the project, notwithstanding the recognition of some of the staffing and administrative challenges facing the project.

Within its application, the project applied for capital funding to purchase a laptop computer. Given the limited capital resources available to the Social Inclusion Partnership and the demand for these resources, the Partnership did not consider that there was sufficient evidence of need within the proposal for the laptop computer at this stage.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project is considering submitting a Lottery application under the Poverty and Disadvantage heading. The project will also apply to various trusts etc, as well as considering a European funding application.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

Condition:

Report to be submitted to the SIP Co-ordinator by 30 September 2001 detailing progress on the implementation of evaluation recommendations.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(12)

Project Title: Dundee Anti Poverty Forum
Sponsoring Body: Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum Management Committee
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 April 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum is a voluntary organisation established to assist in the eradication of poverty in the city. The Forum provides resources and facilitates a range of groups working to remedy poverty and social exclusion. It also promotes networking and collaborative work between agencies, as well as disseminating information and raises awareness about poverty and its effects. The project in its initial funding period has provided a springboard for new initiatives such as the Food and Health Network, Dundee Home Safety Child Equipment Loan Scheme and the People's Information Initiative which provides local access to the Internet particularly with the aim of promoting the information locally available about the Scottish Parliament.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project was evaluated by Dr Paul Spicker of Dundee University. The evaluation found that during its initial funding period the project had performed satisfactorily in all respects. Although some weaknesses were identified in projects concerning dissemination of information and alleviating poverty, the Forum's work in these areas still attracted praise for its expertise and support. The evaluation also found that quality of the project's promotion of collaborative effort and involvement of volunteers was very high and its networking has been outstanding. The evaluation examined the various aspects of the project including its organisation and management, its membership, its role as an employer and its relations with outside organisations as well as the range of activities carried out by the Forum. The evaluation makes a variety of recommendations regarding these areas which should be addressed during any extension funding period.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Overall, the Partnership provided a positive assessment of the project; however the community members in the Hilltown area did express concern that there could perhaps be an improved level of presence of the project in the area. On that basis the Hilltown community did not support the extension of the application.

In its extension application the project sought additional costs for an additional member of staff; however given the limited revenue resources available to the Social Inclusion Partnership and the demand for these resources, the Partnership has not recommended any application for supplementary revenue funding.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project intends to develop a coherent fundraising strategy during any extension period. The project is planning to submit a National Lottery Charities Board application for an additional worker whose remit will include identifying appropriate funding sources to continue to project.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

No supplementary funding awarded.

Condition:

Report to be submitted to Social Inclusion Partnership Co-ordinator in June 2001 detailing progress on implementation of evaluation recommendations.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(13)

Project Title: Community Development and Health Project
Sponsoring Body: Healthy Dundee/Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type Of Application: Extension
Start Date: 27 April 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This project, which is coming to the end of its first period of funding, has three key areas of work which have developed over the initial funding period.

- Providing community support for local people and workers in responding to health issues and health audit issues. This includes offering a variety of local initiatives to address health issues and the provision of access to health information and advice. The project provides these through various measures including the resources of the project staff which are a Health Visitor seconded from Tayside Primary Care Trust and a Community Development and Health Worker. The project recently has secured additional funding for Health Resource Workers in Mid Craigie/Linlathen and the Hilltown.
- Policy development, to work in partnership at a strategic level with organisations such as Tayside Primary Care Trust, Dundee City Council and the Department of Public Health to provide a community health needs perspective for the development of relevant services. This ensures that local health priorities are reflected and help influence decision-making processes such as Tayside Health Board Health Improvement Programme.
- Co-ordination of community development and health training for local workers, local people and health professionals. This helps to ensure sustainability for initiatives developed by the project. The training also increases understanding of community health and inequality issues at all levels.

The project is currently based at Ardler Complex, and delivers its services across the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 areas.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project has been extensively evaluated by the Department of Public Health Medicine. The evaluation concluded that the Community Development and Health Project is recognised as a valuable part of the network of agencies which address health and particularly so in providing a link with the communities themselves. A considerable amount of achievement with the resources provided has been demonstrated, particularly with the attraction of match funding from other sources has provided added value. Sustainable outcomes of project work are being demonstrated and the project continues to work with service providers to identify gaps and influence provision. The evaluation has also highlighted that during any period of extension funding the project should begin to demonstrate areas where community health issues are embedded in the policies and planning of various key partners as a direct result of working in partnership with the project.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Partnership's key question in relation to this application is its relationship to the proposed Healthy Living Centre which is currently the subject of a Lottery Funding application. Project assessment has concluded that while the project would have a close relationship with any new Healthy Living Centre, its relationship would be complementary and would not duplicate the work of the Healthy Living Centre. In any event the Healthy Living Centre would not come on stream until at the earliest 2002.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

Issues of sustainability have to some extent already been addressed by the project by ensuring that pilot work undertaken by the project has been taken on by mainstream staff within the health sector and the local authority. These include smoking cessation groups, changes to community baby clinics and the provision of a creche facility at the Olympia Centre. The Health Project is also closely involved in the bid for the Healthy Living Centre in Dundee through the New Opportunities Fund. While not providing direct match funding, the proposed Healthy Living Centre would enable the sustainability of particular pieces of work established by the project.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

Condition:

Review project in mid 2003 in relation to Healthy Living Centre (if this has been established).

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(14)

Project Title: Training Skills for Employment
Sponsoring Body: Claverhouse Group
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 April 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie/Linlathen, Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This project will employ Training and Development Officers to provide guidance, counselling and training for unemployed lone parents and women returners who have been out of the labour market for over two years. The project will increase the skill level, improve qualifications, increase confidence and motivate the clients enabling and encouraging them to return to the labour market either during or shortly after completing the training programme. Those not entering employment will be encouraged to enrol for full time education or to take advantage of central government funded programmes available to them; for example, New Deal and Training for Work.

Career guidance will be an important element of the training programme and use will be made of the SQA system enabling the clients to obtain certificated training as a motivation and improvement to qualifications which will be helpful in securing employment or further training.

This project in its extension period would bring together the existing Women Returners and Lone Parents projects.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

This project was recently evaluated by a member of staff from Fife Enterprise. The evaluation was positive in its outcome, with the evaluator acknowledging that Claverhouse has an existing range and quality of service which it is able to provide in the training sphere. It also has an equipped and accessible training and resource base for clients, as well as staff expertise in this field.

The evaluation found that in terms of previous part time learner outcomes, between April 1999 and March 2000 50% of learners had gone on to further education or full time employment. The evaluation also found the project has substantial links with employers. Overall, access to the assistance provided by Claverhouse adds value to those identified in the proposal and makes the provision for a one stop shop and secure and non threatening network of access to resources and information.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

There was no support within local communities for the extension of this project, principally relating to the non local nature of the training provisions. Neighbourhood Development Groups provided qualified support for the project. Within the assessment process however the Partnership recognised the benefits of providing a training resource centre base training opportunity for local people as well as providing locally based training. For this reason the Partnership was supportive of the proposal overall. The Partnership did however consider the staffing level of four training officers to be disproportionate to the intended client outputs and outcomes of 60 trainees per year, therefore the level of recommended funding has been limited to reflect this assessment.

Given the limited capital resources available to the Social Inclusion Partnership and the demand for these resources, the Partnership considers that there is insufficient justification for the request for office and computer equipment contained in the application.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

The project will potentially attract ESF match funding. Also in the case of Lone Parents, future funding may well become available via mainstream New Deal. It is also expected that there will be a number of changes made available in future that might provide additional programmes to broaden the provision to include Women Returners.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years at 50% of requested funding level, from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004. No award of capital funding recommended.

Conditions:

1. SIP Co-ordinator and lead department to discuss with Claverhouse Group how funding may be used flexibly across both programmes (Women Returners and Lone Parents).
2. Targeting to be in Social Inclusion Partnership 1 Areas only.
3. Claverhouse Group must target each Social Inclusion Priority Area 1 equally when publicising and recruiting for training places. An equal number of training places must be made available for each Partnership Area.
4. Evidence of publicity and recruitment results must be provided in monitoring reports to the lead department.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002 APPENDIX B(15)

Project Title: Learning Around
Sponsoring Body: Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1 April 1998
Target Areas: Ardler, Kirkton, Hilltown, Mid Craigie/Linlathen

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Learning Around is a project which works in the eligible Social Inclusion Partnership areas to provide guidance, advice and learning support to local people. The project's primary aim is to provide information about learning and employment opportunities available. Local people are given guidance to help them take up local learning opportunities or to move into further education, training or employment. Assistance is also available to enable people to prepare for interviews. The project works in close partnership with other agencies involved in learning. These include Dundee College, Universities, and other projects.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project was recently evaluated by Northern College. The evaluation examined the work of the project from its inception till the present date. Overall the evaluation found the project to be extremely effective and found evidence that those who had received its services had derived great benefits from these. Much of the evidence gathered through the evaluation found that the project is particularly strong in the areas of empowerment, particularly enabling a growth in client confidence, participation in local events and organisations and enabling the identification of local community need.

The project evaluation has highlighted a number of areas of work which could be pursued by the project to enable the improvement of service delivery. These would be required to be implemented during any period of extension funding.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Overall there is community and local Neighbourhood Development Group support for this project. The Partnership has acknowledged the recommendations of the evaluation.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

In its extension application the project has reduced its annual revenue costs with the reduction in number of staffing from four to three. During the extension period the project will be able to take advantage of other initiatives from the New Opportunities Fund and the People's Network to assist in the introduction of computerised guidance packages in community and to train Library and Information Workers to delivery first stage guidance. Alternative external funding will be sought for in-depth guidance.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Award extension funding for three years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

Condition:

Report to be submitted to the SIP Co-ordinator by 30 September 2001 detailing progress on the implementation of evaluation recommendations.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002
PROPOSALS DEFERRED

No	Title	Recommendation
1.	Brooksbank Community Cafe	<p>Recommendation deferred</p> <p>Reasons for Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tay Training will be withdrawing as training provider for the Cafe as of 31 March 2001. At this stage, alternative management and training provision arrangements for the Cafe are not in place. 2. The Hub/Brooksbank management committee and NRDD to be asked to submit a report to the SIP Co-ordinator on or before 31 January detailing alternative management and training provision arrangements. 3. The report on alternative management and training provision arrangements will be considered by the Grants Sub Group at its meeting in February 2001. A recommendation on extension funding will be made by the Grants Sub Group following consideration of the report.
2.	Access to and Engagement in Children's Learning for Ethnic Minority Mothers	<p>Recommendation deferred</p> <p>Reasons for deferral:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Partnership considers that the proposal requires additional work to address a number of issues, particularly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvements to specific targets and outcomes for the project. - Evidence of how the project will link with or complement the work of other service providers; eg Learning Around and Accreditation Project. - How the proposed Community Project Worker will establish and maintain a profile in the community, especially if the Worker is not to be based within the Hilltown. - Long term sustainability of the project. - Lack of community involvement and consultation on the proposal. <p>The Partnership will reconsider the proposal in February 2001, prior to which the above issues must be addressed and relevant additional information included within a revised application.</p>
3.	Hilltown Pedestrian Safety Improvements	<p>Recommendation deferred pending the outcome of local consultation on the proposed scheme.</p> <p>The application will be reconsidered by the Grants Sub Group in February 2001.</p>
4.	Passport to Sport	<p>Recommendation deferred.</p> <p>Reason for deferral:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Partnership considers that additional work is required on the proposal to address and number of key issues, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Options for extending the range of sports/leisure options within the scheme. - Issues of transport from local areas to sport/leisure facilities. - Issues relating to the future use of school facilities during holiday periods. - Reasons for the reduction in level of match funding from Leisure and Parks Department. 2. The Partnership recommends that a report which addresses the above issues be submitted to the SIP Co-ordinator by 31 January 2001 for consideration by the Grants Sub Group in February 2001.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2001/2002
PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

No	Title	Recommendation
1.	Community Based Theatre and Training	<p>No award of extension funding</p> <p>Reasons for Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was no support for the extension of the project within three of the four SIP 1 Community Co-ordinating Groups. 2. Within the limited funding available, at this stage the Partnership does not consider the project to have sufficient priority against other proposals.
2.	Arts inc.com	<p>No award of funding recommended.</p> <p>Reasons for recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was no support for this proposal within the four SIP 1 Community Co-ordinating Groups. 2. The Scottish Arts Council has rejected the match funding application for this proposal.
3.	Dundee City Credit Union	<p>No award of funding recommended.</p> <p>Reasons for recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Partnership considered that insufficient research had been carried out into the feasibility of the proposed Credit Union within the designated SIP areas. 2. The Partnership recommends the submission of an application for SIP revenue funding 2000/2001 for the purpose of carrying out a feasibility study into the proposal.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP 1 CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 2001/2002
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP
PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

	Title of Proposal	Description	Recommendation	Total cost of Proposal £	Award recommended from SIP 1 Capital Funding 2001/2002 £
1	Kirkton – Establish Safe Routes	Kirkton Area Physical Regeneration Programme – Phase 3: Establish safe Routes. New Lighting for footways which link to key facilities including the Neighbourhood Centre, the Housing Office and Shops, Baldragon Academy and Sidlaw Primary School.	Award Capital Grant	45,000	45,000
2	Kirkton – improvement to community Space at Thorton Road	Kirkton Area Physical Regeneration Programme – Phase 3: Improvements to Community space at Thorton Road. An Environmental improvement scheme at an area of derelict ground that is overlooked by almost 40 residential properties.	Award Capital Grant	25,000	25,000
3	Ann Street Environmental Improvements	Environmental improvements of Ann Street which involves: a) Relocation and rationalisation of school perimeter, resurfacing former roadway, provision of play surface, landscaping, fencing, walling OR b) Relocate school boundary, make up roadway/footway, provision of play surface, landscaping, fencing, walling, lighting, and parking bays.	Award Capital Grant	150,000	30,000
4	Hub/Brooksbank Environmental Improvements	Hub/Brooksbank environmental Improvements. Improvements to car parking and access to the facilities resulting in additional spaces, boundary treatments, fence work, soft landscaping and surfacing and safety improvements	Award Capital Grant	70,000	20,000
5	Hilltown – Façade Enhancement Grant scheme	Hilltown – Facades Enhancements – refurbishment of shop fronts	Award Capital Grant	25,000	25,000
		TOTAL		315,000	145,000