

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 17 APRIL 2006**

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES  
2006/2007**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report details the Community Regeneration Funding available to the Dundee Partnership for 2005-8 and makes recommendations on allocation to projects.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the process for allocating funding through Local Community Regeneration Forums as agreed by the Dundee Partnership.
- 2.2 Endorses the funding proposals contained in Section 8 of this report.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £246,318 from the Community Regeneration Fund. Further detail is presented in Section 8.
- 3.2 Dundee City Council has agreed to act as the accountable body for the Community Regeneration Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership (Committee Report 743-2004). There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

**4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Community Regeneration 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. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The resources made available through the Community Regeneration Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazone in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equaling opportunities.

**6. BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 In 2004 the Minister for Communities announced the establishment of a new £104 million Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). The CRF replaces the existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) programmes.

- 6.2 Community Regeneration Funding is expected to be targeted at the most deprived 15% of areas of Dundee as identified by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004. There are 51 such areas in Dundee with a population of approximately 40,000 based predominantly on the existing SIP1 and 2 communities. These areas have been collected into five clusters across the city which are defined as Community Regeneration Areas. (see Committee Report 743-2004)
- 6.3 Dundee has been allocated £17.367 million over 3 years including £5.775 million for 2005/6.

## 7. **MANAGING THE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND**

- 7.1 Procedures for allocating the Community Regeneration Fund were approved by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). In summary the key decisions were:
- a) Dundee City Council will act as accountable body reporting to the Dundee Partnership.
  - b) The overall responsibility for decisions on the Community Regeneration Fund will be taken formally by the Dundee Partnership Management Group.
  - c) Allocations to local priorities will be made by Local Community Regeneration Forums utilising devolved budgets. The local allocation process is detailed below.

1. Dundee Partnership invites applications for CRF through extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Applications are screened by the CRF Co-ordinator, Regeneration staff and partner agencies to ensure match to outcomes, strategic fit, value for money and focus on Community Regeneration Areas or thematic priority groups. Applications will either be rejected at this stage or endorsed by Building Stronger Communities Group.
3. Satisfactory applications are passed to Local Community Regeneration Forums for consideration. Greater scrutiny is applied to match with local needs and local community plans. Further opinion is sought from wider communities before decisions taken and recommended to Dundee Partnership.
4. Recommendations from LCRF's endorsed formally by Dundee Partnership.
5. Allocations reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
6. Offer of Grant made to projects.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation initiated.

- 7.2 The total CRF allocations for 2006/7 and 2007/8 are £5.665m and £5.927m respectively. In addition an underspend from 2005/6 which is currently being calculated will be available in 2006/7

**8. FUNDING ALLOCATION**

8.1 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £246,318 to be met from the CRF allocation for 2006/7. Each project has been assessed as directly contributing to the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcomes, complementing broader partnership strategies and meeting needs expressed in local community plans.

**9. CONSULTATION**

9.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Housing, Social Work, Education, Planning & Transportation, Dundee Contract Services and Head of Waste Management.

9.2 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. BACKGROUND REPORTS**

10.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, April 2005, Report No 244-2005, Community Regeneration Fund Allocation of Resources, 2005-6

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**Appendix A Community Regeneration Fund Allocation 2005/2006 (2006 - 2008)**

<b>No</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Area(s)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funding Awarded</b>	<b>Comment</b>
153	Basic Moves Children's Physical Activity Programme Leisure and Communities Department	CRF 1,2 &3	Fund facilities, coaches, training and equipment. This will sustain 14 classes in 7 venues for 224 children per week	2006-2008	£19,545	
156	Bird Control Housing Department	CRF 5	Control the numbers of seagulls and pigeons causing hardship to residents in the Mid Craigie and Linlathen area	2006-2007	£5,800	
159	Cairn Centre Dundee Drugs and Aids Projects	CRF 1, 3, 4 &5	Construct a "User Training Suite and Group Room" as part of a new building	2006-2007	£29,816	
188	Finmill Centre Finmill Management Committee	CRF 4	Create a dedicated adult learning/training facility as part of the redevelopment of Finmill Centre	2006-2007	£46,000	
189	Funky Feat Dance Programme Leisure and Communities Department - Sports Development	CRF 1, 3, & 5	Facilities, training and equipment to support 11 dance classes in CRF areas. 8 venues, 240 children per week	2006-2008	£15,780	

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191	Hilltown FM	CRF 3	Community Radio, office equipment and radio equipment	2006-2008	£20,190	
192	Hilltown Horizons	CRF 3	The development of a curriculum of creative learning that will create opportunities for groups and individuals	2006-2007	£14,600	
197	Mill 'O' Mains Pavillion Mill 'O' Mains Residents Association	CRF 4	Additional costs towards the development of a community based resource at the Mill 'O' Mains pavillion	2006-2007	£38,000	
200	Neighbourhood Assistant (Centre) Leisure and Communities Department	CRF 3	Provide flexible support to Community groups and organisations in the Central area. Working in particular with Hilltown FM and Hilltown Horizons	2006-2007	£22,205	
202	Peer Education Project Leisure and Communities Department	CRF 1 & 2	Additional funding for a project training young people as peer educators to tackle drug and alcohol misuse	2006-208	£34,562	