

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 15 MAY 2006

REPORT ON: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURES 2006–2007

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 269- 2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year April 2006 to March 2007 to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures in existence or established during the year, and to confirm the formulae 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 2005/2006 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 formulae: 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 the Dundee Civic Forum the successor body to the Community Neighbourhood Representative Structures and the Association of Dundee Community Councils.
- 2.5 Community Councils or Neighbourhood Representative Structures established beyond 1 April 2006 will only be eligible for a grant for the part of the year from their inception.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Costs will be contained within the Department's Revenue Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund Budget for 2006 – 2007.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All sections of the community are empowered to participate in decision making.
- 4.2 Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures promote engagement with the political process and the representation of interests.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures encourage Dundee Citizens to participate in community life regardless of their race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, class, ethnic or religious beliefs, basic skills, disability, trade union activity or employment status.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 This report details payments in the form of administration grants to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007, according to the Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils and Committee Report No. 725 – 2002.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARDS 2006 - 2007

- 7.1 The formulae 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 2005/2006 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 2006.
- 7.2 The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are 6 Community Councils: Broughty Ferry, Fintry, Hilltown and District, City Centre and Harbour, West End, and Kingsway West. However, the Hilltown and District Community Council has not met for six months and looks set to fold.
- 7.3 A petition has been received for the establishment of a Community Council in Lochee.
- 7.4 It is possible that during the financial year 2006-2007 the Kirkton Partnership, the Whitfield Inclusion Network Group (WING) and St Mary's Association of Residents and Tenants (SMART) may apply for recognition as Neighbourhood Representative Structures. Each of these groups currently active in their respective areas of representation.
- 7.5 The Dundee Civic Forum has replaced the Community Neighbourhood Representative Structure Network and enables Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures to share information, develop training programmes and promote the development.
- 7.6 Any Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure established after 1 April 2006 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months it is operational between 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None.

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COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2007

Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structures	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2 Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
Broughty Ferry Community Council	18493	£ 330	222	£ 552
Fintry Community Council	6868	£ 330	82	£ 412
Kingsway West Community Council	8331	£ 330	100	£ 430
West End Community Council	14039	£ 330	168	£ 498
City Centre and Harbour Community Council	2122	£ 330	25	£ 355
Ardler Village Trust	1879	£ 330	23	£ 353
Stobswell Forum	12802	£ 330	153	£ 483
Kirkton Partnership	6456	£ 330	77	£ 407
Lochee Community Council	6988	£ 330	84	£ 414
St Mary's Association of Residents and Tenants	4919	£ 330	59	£ 359
Whitfield Inclusion Network Group	4984	£ 330	60	£ 360
Dundee Civic Forum (see Para 7.5)	-	£ 440	-	£ 440
Totals				£5063

Community Councils	2661
Neighbourhood Representative Structures	1962
Dundee Civic Forum	440
Total	5063

APPENDIX 2

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: PROPOSED BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2006 – 31 MARCH 2007

No	Name	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2 Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
1	Ancrum/Blackness	7976	330	96	426
2	Ardler/Blackshade	2904	330	35	365
3	Broughty Ferry	18493	330	222	552
4	Caird	2343	330	28	358
5	Charleston	4550	330	55	385
6	City Centre and Harbour	2122	330	25	355
7	Craigiebank and District	3400	330	41	371
8	Douglas and Angus and Craigie	8718	330	105	435
9	Downfield and Brackens	9848	330	118	448
10	Fintry	6868	330	82	412
11	Hilltown and District	10917	330	131	461
12	Kirkton	6456	330	77	407
13	Lochee	6988	330	84	414
14	Kingsway West Community Council	8331	330	100	430
15	Mid Craigie/Linlathen	4416	330	53	383
16	Rockwell/Fairmuir	7893	330	95	425
17	Stobswell and District	12740	330	153	483
18	West End	14039	330	168	498
19	Whitfield	6661	330	80	410
Dundee Civic Forum			440		440
Totals					8458

Population figures based on 2001 Census.