

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2002
REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
REPORT NO: 299-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the allocation of the Community Regeneration Budget and other associated budgets for 2002-03.
- 1.2 This is mainly a continuation of a programme of environmental works in Social Inclusion Partnership (SIPs) areas which are part of a physical programmes agreed with the local communities, and also in the Stobswell area which is becoming an area requiring action.
- 1.3 It is also to advise the Committee of the projects to be undertaken as part of the continuing programme of community facility provision in Ardler.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended the Committee approve the programme for 2002-03 as set out in Appendix 1.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The General Services Financial Plan 2002-2003, Planning and Transportation Community Regeneration heading and the Scottish Enterprise operating plan includes the following allowances:

	2002/03
DCC, P&T COMREG (Legally Committed)	£8,000
DCC, P&T COMREG	£50,000
SET, MID CRAIGIE & KIRKTON	£220,000
SET, ARDLER	£75,000
DCC P&T NE ARTERIAL	£472,000

- 3.2 The funding for projects in Ardler is via capital receipts and grants generated by the Ardler project.
- 3.3 Individual items will have tender prices reported to committee for approval as per normal practice.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The following key themes are supported via this programme
- Settlements are human in scale and form

- Places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility
- People live without fear of personal violence

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Local communities have been consulted on physical improvement programmes and action plans within which the various projects lie. Detailed consultation will be undertaken when project details are finalised. Design details will take account of disabled people, and safety generally.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The projects in the attached Appendix 1 are proposed for the continuing community regeneration environmental improvement programme. These items are included in improvement programmes which have been subject to community consultation.
- 6.2 The Community Regeneration Budget is also being used to try to lever in SIPs capital grants to be approved by the Community Co-ordinating Group of the Partnership. This will help particularly with regard to safety aspects of the environmental programme. With the Financial Plan being unable to maintain the hoped for level of funding this level of leverage is unlikely to be sustained.

The level of Scottish Enterprise Tayside contributions over the past two years has been substantially greater than the Council's to this environmental improvement programme. This year the Council's contribution is very modest. Note this will be SET's final contribution in Kirkton, from the £0.5m originally approved for Kirkton. There will probably be one more year of funding in Mid Craigie and Ardler.

To continue with an environmental improvement programme in future years will require the Council to allocate funding itself or seek alternative funding. If external funding is to be sought, usually match funding is needed.

- 6.3 In the Stobswell area, £472,000 of the North East Arterial budget will be utilised to carry out associated environmental works in the Albert Street area. This will include footway and lighting upgrading, street trees at key locations, creating build outs for bus stops and provision of more on street parking and upgrading of related car parks in the vicinity.
- 6.4 In Ardler, the Community Facilities programme includes the completion of work already started on the embankment and play area north of the primary schools, creation of the 7-a-side pitch to the north west of this and the sports pitch west of the centre. It is also expected that the remaining compensation for the purchase of the now demolished shopping centre will also be paid. It is also proposed to start improvement to parking, traffic circulation and the footways at the Macalpine Road shopping centre.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

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APPENDIX 1 – COMMUNITY REGENERATION BUDGET 2002/03

Legally Committed		2002/03
KIRKTON		
Beauly Square/Balgowan Place/Balgowan Square Retention to pay	DCC P&T	£3,325
Thornton Road – Lighting retention to pay	DCC P&T	£1,000
Haldane Avenue, etc – Lighting retention to pay	DCC P&T	£1,000
MID CRAIGIE		
Happyhillock Road	SET	£55,000
Kingsway East Gateway – Final payment.	SET	£50,000
Kingsway East Gateway – Retention to pay	DCC P&T	£1,500
Hub/Brooksbank – Retention to pay	DCC P&T	£1,000
Not Yet Legally Committed		
KIRKTON		
Village Centre Phase 1 (Derwent Avenue) Landscape derelict site of former public house and boundary treatment to Kirkton Neighbourhood Complex.	SET DCC P&T	£85,000 £35,000
Old Glamis Road, Haldane Crescent/Street, Haldane Avenue. Street lighting improvements – SIPs grant applied for but not yet approved.	SIPs	£56,000
MID CRAIGIE		
Kingsway/Longtown Road	SET	£30,000
Pitkerro Road cycleway	DCC P&T	£15,000
ALBERT STREET		
Environmental improvements Buildouts/bus stops Quality paving at key points Improved lighting Rationalisation of facilities Street trees at key locations Re-organisation/improvement of key car parks	DCC P&T	£472,000
ARDLER		
Embankment/play area	DCC Other Housing SET	£65,000 £75,000
7-aside pitch	DCC Other Housing	£45,000
West Pitch	DCC Other Housing	£85,000
Macalpine Road Shops	DCC Other Housing	£350,000