

**REPORT TO:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 9 JUNE 2008

**REPORT ON:** FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010

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**REPORT NO:** 300-2008

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.3 Grants of £63,592 are recommended in this report.

**4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

\* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1.	Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2.	Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3.	Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4.	Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5.	Offers of grant are made to projects.
6.	Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

## 5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000
Previously Allocated	0	200	6,829	0	2,223	9,252
Current Proposals	22,615	20,195	0	0	20,782	63,592
Still Available	127,385	129,605	143,171	150,000	126,995	677,156

- 5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £63,592 from local budgets.
- 5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

CRA1	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
CRA2	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
CRA3	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield

CRA4            Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir  
 CRA5            Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

## 6. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland 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 Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.
- 6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland 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 equalling opportunities.

## 7. **CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.
- 7.2 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.

## 8. **BACKGROUND REPORTS**

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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## Fairer Scotland Fund- Community Regeneration Forums

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
NW001	Ardler Village Trust - Newsletter	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	Contribution towards costs of producing the Ardler Village Newsletter which is distributed to around 1300 households (3200) in the Ardler area, and contribute to the training of new volunteers in the creation of the newsletter.	£1,420	£1,420	£1,420
NW002	Ardler Village Trust - Fun Day	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To encourage participation and involvement in the community. This grant will fund the core costs of the Ardler Fund Day 2008, and help support the ongoing development of the Events Management Committee	£1,934	£1,934	£1,000
SE001	The Factory Skatepark	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide a community Fun Day at the skate park	£1,775	£1,775	£1,000
SE002	Douglas Festival Group (Douglas Summer Festival Committee)	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Contribution towards activities etc for a community festival held within the Douglas area.	£1,801	£1,401	£1,401

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NWY001	North West Youth Project Leisure and Communities	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	1 Blast Off Worker (15 hrs x 52 wks) 2 x Youth Workers (6 hrs x 52 wks) 2 x Activities Workers (6 hrs x 52 wks) (Agreed for one year only - remitted to LCPP)	£20,195	£20,195	£20,195
WY001	West Youth Project Leisure and Communities	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	1 Blast Off Worker (15 hrs x 52 wks) 2 x Youth Workers (6 hrs x 52 wks) 2 x Activities Workers (6 hrs x 52 wks) (Agreed for one year only)	£20,195	£20,195	£20,195
SEY001/2	Douglas Community & Library Centre	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Under 12s Holiday Programme 2008. To provide a stimulating and enjoyable school holiday programme throughout 2008 for children aged 5-12 (April holiday costs previously approved)	£3,880	£3,880	£2,555
SEY004	Summer Activities for Young People 2008 Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide additional summer activities, workshops and excursions, plus an outdoor activity programme.	£2,750	£2,750	£2,750
SEY005	Fruit Initiative for Children and Young People in the South East Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To enable the distribution of fresh fruit for 48 weeks in the year to 350 children and young people who access services within the area including the Factory Skatepark and local and voluntary organisations	£2,304	£2,304	£2,304

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SEY006	Douglas Weekly Programme for Under 12s 2008-2009  Douglas Community & Library Centre Management Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide term time weekly sessions for Under 12s. A varied programme of games, sports, arts and crafts and projects (application reduced due to timescales).	£3,240	£3,240	£2,340
SEY007	Midlin Youth Outreach/ Detached Initiative  Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	The project will employ 4 part time youth work staff to provide a streetwork/ outreach service which will allow them to reach out to young people not known and not using existing services. The project will promote the existing services and support individuals and groups to plan and prepare 16 activity events/workshops.	£7,064	£3,932	£3,932
SEY009	Midlin Youth Outreach/ Learning Initiative  Leisure and Communities	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To promote, plan and deliver 4 information/learning events for 240 plus children and young people within the local area. This will give individual children and young people the opportunity to take an active part in events that meet their identified information and learning needs. This will also provide and promote personal safety information	£4,500	£4,500	£4,500