

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2004

REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES 2004/2005

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 304-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report notes the allocation of funding for SIP 1 and SIP 2 from Communities Scotland, and makes recommendations for the allocation of SIP 1 and SIP 2 funding for the financial year 2004/2005.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes an adjustment allocation of £64,081 to the budget of existing SIP1 projects to account for wage increases and inflation;
- 2.2 notes the outcome of the SIP decision-making process and agrees the proposals contained in Section 9 of this report including the transfer of £30,000 from the SIP1 Small Grant Fund to the Older People Engaging Needs (OPEN) Fund (Appendix A);
- 2.3 instructs officers to proceed with implementation of the proposals, and conditions contained in Appendix B relating to SIP1 funding;
- 2.4 notes the allocations from SIP1 Small Grants Fund outlined in Appendix C;
- 2.5 notes the allocations from SIP2 Small Grants Fund outlined in Appendix D.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Allocations 2004/05;

SIP Core Grants	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£2,347,621	£2,259,656	£ 85,231	£ 2,734
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£ 209,000	£ 208,952	£ 00,000	£ 48
Total	£2,556,621	£2,468,608	£ 85,231	£ 2,782

3.2 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Small Grants Expenditure 2004/05. The Small Grants budgets have been allocated from the Core Grants and are accounted for within the proposals contained in this report figure of the Core Grants table above (SIP 1 proposals – Appendix C);

SIP Small Grants	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£70,000	£0,000	£4,520	£65,480
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£25,000	£3,526	£7,157	£14,317
Total	£95,000	£3,526	£11,677	£79,797

3.3 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Drugs Misuse Fund 2004/05. (SIP 1 proposal – Appendix B, SIP 2 proposal – Appendix C);

Drugs Misuse	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£74,972	£74,972	£00,000	£00,000
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£81,151	£70,278	£00,000	£10,873
Total	£156,123	£145,250	£00,000	£10,873

3.4 The Empowering Communities Fund is controlled by community representatives on the SIP Board and is noted for information only;

Empowering Communities	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£60,000	£00,000	£00,000	£60,000
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£60,000	£60,000	£00,000	£00,000
Total	£120,000	£60,000	£00,000	£60,000

3.5 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership fund section of the Communities Department Revenue Budget 2004/2005, these are based on confirmed allocations from Communities Scotland;

3.6 Allocations for 2005/06 and beyond have yet to be confirmed and recommendations contained in this report are conditional on Scottish Executive funding and Community Planning Partnership agreement.

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 measures 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.

6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covers Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown.

6.3 Social Inclusion Partnership 2 – covers parts of Whitfield, Fintry, Mill O'Mains, Stobswell, City Centre, West End, Charleston, Lochee, Beechwood and St Mary's.

6.4 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Community Planning Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy and Transitional Regeneration Outcome Agreement approved by Communities Scotland. This strategy is based on four themes:

- Empowerment
- Prosperity
- Stability
- Sustainability

7.0 THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

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

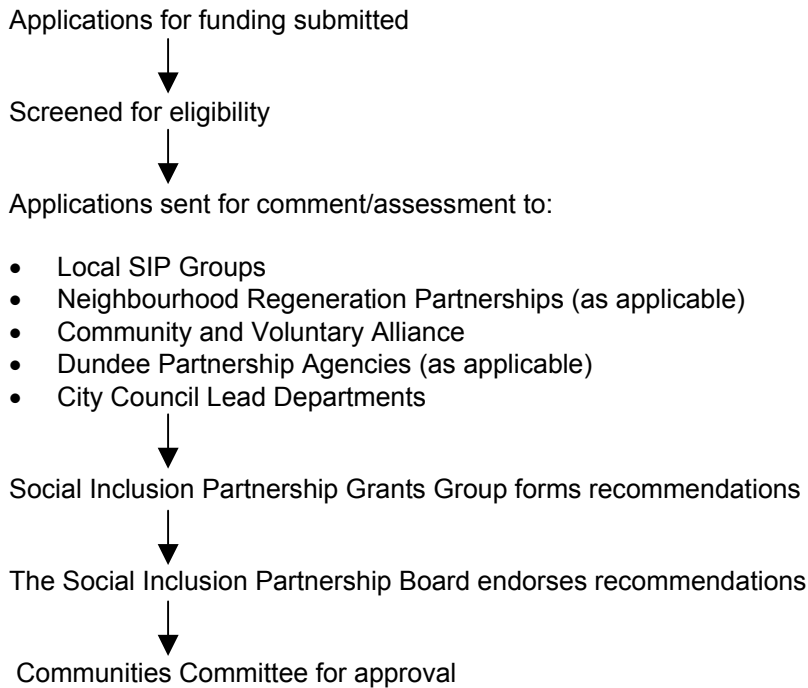
7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement through their own resources. With the approved transition of the Social Inclusion Partnership into Dundee's Community Planning Partnership there will be a period of review and scrutiny of existing projects to determine a future funding strategy for each initiative;

7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. The Community Planning Partnership has agreed to continue during 2004/2005 with the existing decision-making procedures developed by The Social Inclusion Partnership Board;

7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process, there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the structures of the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications have been considered by the local SIP groups in each of the SIP 1 areas. The applications have also been considered by the SIP Grants Group and endorsed by the SIP Board.

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 in relation to SIP funding applications is as follows:



7.7 Each funding application has also been assessed against a range of specific criteria under the following headings:

- Quality of project proposal
- Strategic relevance
- Resourcing factors
- Project Management

8.0 KEY ISSUES

8.1 In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Social Inclusion Partnership Board 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 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 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. Where a full evaluation was not carried out, action was taken to ensure that those assessing the funding applications were fully aware of the activities of the project.

9.0 PROPOSALS

9.1 The following proposal is recommended for funding from the SIP 1 Core Grant.

SIP1 application totalling £21,151

- Fairplay Training and Development £21,151 – SIP1

9.2 Appendix B provides further details for the project listed above.

9.3 The following proposals are additionally recommended for funding from the SIP1 Small Grants Fund.

SIP 1 Small Grants applications totalling £4,520

- Green Ardler Projects £3,255
- Ardler Childcare Study Group £1,265

Appendix C provides details of the projects listed above.

9.4 The following proposals are additionally recommended for funding from the SIP2 Small Grants Fund:-

SIP 2 Grants Applications totalling £7,157

- Mill "O" Mains Residents Association £ 800
- Twa Semis £4,347
- Douglas Community Centre £ 960
- Douglas Community Centre/Balmoral Resident's Association £ 600
- Charleston Early Years and Childcare £ 450

10.0 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Planning and Transportation, Leisure and Arts and 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.

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).

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9 April 2004

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A

Project Title: Older People Engaging Needs (OPEN)
Sponsoring Body: Social Inclusion Partnership/Social Work Department
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 2003
Target Area: SIP 1

1. Description of the Project

The project will bring together the Social Inclusion Partnership, the Social Work Department, the Health Board, and the voluntary sector. Pooled funding of £80,000 for the provision of social, educational, and recreational activities for older people throughout the City. The focus will be on the tenants of sheltered housing complexes but will extend to other providers for this age group.

2. Project Management

There is strong support for this approach that brings together public sector and voluntary sector provision. As well as providing a source of funding there will also be the opportunity to bring together those that can organise and commission activities. This has been done through the establishment of a stakeholder group.

3. Partnership Assessment

There is support for activities covered by OPEN, at a local SIP group level and from the SIP Board.

4. Sustainability

The approach taken is one that constructs the basis for sustainability through sharing resources and encouraging joint working.

5. Recommendation

Support from May 2004 to March 2005. £30,000 contribution.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX B

Project Title: Ethnic Minority Mothers Training

Sponsoring Body: Fairplay Training

Type of Application: New

Start Date: 1st May 2004

Target Area: SIP 1

1. Description of Project

The project will work in partnership with the International Women's Centre and Access to Learning. Minority ethnic women will be brought together to consolidate their learning as parents and move on to become crèche workers.

2. Project Management

The project will be managed by Fairplay Training's Committee. Fairplay are an established voluntary sector organisation with a history of supporting the involvement of various communities in the development of childcare.

3. Partnership's Assessment

There is strong partnership support for the project, particularly given its planned collaboration with existing SIP funded activities.

4. Sustainability

Discussion will require to take place at an early stage to determine how the project relates to the developing community planning context.

5. Recommendation

Support from May 2004 to March 2005. £21,151.

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SIP 1 Small Grants

Funds Available £70,000

Ref	Applicant	Area	Initiative	Full Amount	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
SIP1/SG1	Green Ardler Project	Ardler	Continuation of educational activity relating to environment	£3,255	£3,255	£3,255
SIP1/SG2	Ardler Childcare Study Group	Ardler	Following childcare course - Accreditation in special needs care	£1,865	£1,265	£1,265
See Appendix A	Older People Engaging Needs Project	All	Provision of Social Recreational and Educational Activities for Older People	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total				£35,120	£34,520	£34,520

Total Funds Available £70,000
 Previously Allocated £00,000
 Less Recommendations £ 4,520
 Balance Remaining £65,480

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SIP2 Small Grants

Ref	Applicant	Area	Initiative	Full Amount	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
S2/SG36	Mill "o" Mains Resident Association	Mill "o" Mains	Mill "o" Mains Community Festival	£800	£800	£800
S2/SG31	Twa Semis	Charleston	School Holiday Programmes	£4,347	£4,347	£4,347
S2/SG6	Charleston Early Year and Childcare Partnership	Charleston	Cost towards Family Learning Day	£450	£450	£450
S2/SG7	Douglas Community Centre	Douglas	Summer Playscheme Children and Teenagers	£1,934	£960	£960
S2/SG17	Douglas Community Centre/Balmoral Residents	Douglas	Graffiti Art at Douglas Village Green	£600	£600	£600
Total				£8,131	£7,157	£7,157

Total Funds Available £25,000
 Previously Allocated £ 3,526
 Less Recommendations £ 7,157
 Balance Remaining £14,317