

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 26 OCTOBER 2009**

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

**REPORT BY: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT NO: 488-2009**

**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 £102,890 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:

<b>2008/9 (£m)</b>	<b>2009/10 (£m)</b>	<b>2010/11* (£m)</b>
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 (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	<b>CRA 1</b>	<b>CRA 2</b>	<b>CRA 3</b>	<b>CRA 4</b>	<b>CRA 5</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£130,087	£124,502	£136,588	£103,567	£167,234	£661,978
Current Proposals	£34,298	£2,054	£0	£33,071	£33,467	£102,890
Still Available	£19,124	£106,439	£72,797	£77,413	£11,969	£287,742

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £102,890 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 datazones 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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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW027	Dundee Downfield South Church	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To modernise and re-equip the kitchen which is used to serve the community in Downfield and Kirkton. The kitchen is a vital organ for voluntary organisations. It will host the "Healthy Eating Initiative" and train a volunteer workforce in food preparation and hygiene	£4,250	£4,000	£2,000
SG/NW028	Active Schools Dundee <b>Education Department</b>	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Cost of equipment and coaching mentors for a 15 week block of sport and activity aimed at young people with physical or learning difficulties at Baldragon Academy	£1,399	£1,399	£1,399
SG/NW029	St. Mary's Social Committee	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To provide a seasonal party for 5-8 years of age for local children and to provide an "80's night" social evening for adults in the area	£600	£600	£600
YD/NWY009	Diversionsary Activities <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	The block purchasing of tickets will allow local people aged 10-18 years opportunities to participate in activities which will divert them from potentially becoming involved in anti-social behaviour in the local community. Youth work staff will work alongside Tayside Police and other partners to identify young people who will most benefit from these opportunities.	£5,793	£5,793	£5,793

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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
PEI/NW005	Fence at Craigmore <b>Housing Department</b>	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To remove old fence and erect new 1.8m palisade fencing, including gate to stop anti-social behaviour. Also three new bins to improve littering in the area.	£2,005	£2,003	£2,003
PEI/NW006	St. Mary's Community Facility Landscaping	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Purchase of top soil and grass seed to enable landscaping of an area which previously housed the Cadet Force hut. This will create a simple grassy landscaped area which will be used for a variety of pursuits. Plans are in place to create a new play park on the adjacent site	£19,156	£2,003	£2,003
PEI/NW007	Internal Multi-purpose room at Kirkton Community Centre <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To create an additional facility on the ground floor within the existing youth area. This will increase the capacity to offer structured programmes on the ground floor with full disabled access and will make better use of existing floor space	£23,500	£20,500	£20,500
SG/W032	Peer Education Project <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To part fund a residential for young people training to become Peer Educators within Menziesshill High School	£8,820	£1,800	£1,800

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PEI/W008	Myrekirk Park Improvement <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide a woodland management and development plan supporting Myrekirk Park and in consultation with "Open Up To Myrekirk"	£1,018	£254	£254
SG/C019	Celebrate Hilltown Signpost International Mark Henderson Centre	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Costs of hiring a synthetic Ice Rink (22m x 14m) for 1 day at Hilltown Christmas Celebration (12/12/09). Pupils from local primaries will be given free tickets for the Ice Rink	£9,777	£5,000	£5,000
SG/C021	4 x AAAA's Project Grey Lodge Settlement	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Purchase of art materials for 6 week Community and Arts themed project for 10 young people aged 12-16. They will be working in partnership with the Environmental Artist looking at their local area and the ongoing regeneration within it	£602	£102	£102
SG/C023	Age Concern Dundee	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Costs of transport for 2 trips to places of interest and transport costs for 12 cinema visits for 15 service users from the Fiveways Centre. The centre do regular fundraising to subsidise outings and participants also contribute to costs	£300	£300	£300

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SG/C024	Dundee International Women's Centre	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To upgrade the centre IT system to enable the centre to respond to their recent growth in users (now 500+) Contribution to be used for purchase and installation of a server and finance software	£6,130	£3,983	£3,983
SG/C025	Hindmarsh Tenants & Residents Association	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase garden furniture, outdoor tableware and a BBQ cover for use by the users of Hindmarch community lounge in their Sensory Garden	£907	£907	£907
YD/CY011	Active Schools Dundee <b>Education Department</b>	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase equipment and coaching mentors for a 15 week block of sport and activity aimed at young people with physical or learning difficulties at St. John's High School	£1,399	£1,399	£1,399
PEI/C007	Sandeman Street Play Area Fencing <b>Dundee Contract Services</b>	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To supply and install new fencing around recently refurbished play park to ensure a safe dog free place for young children to play. Also installation of two benches for resting places for accompanying adults	£21,380	£21,380	£21,380

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SG/SE020	Incredible Years Group <b>Social Work Department</b>	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide resources to the group and cover crèche costs	£1,546	£1,346	£1,256
SG/SE022	Age Concern Dundee	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Transport costs for elderly group members to local places of interest	£420	£400	£400
SG/SE023	Healthy Cooking Project <b>Leisure &amp; Communities Dept</b>	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase equipment necessary to develop a Healthy Cooking programme for local adults within the area	£2,505	£1,080	£1,080
SG/SE024	MidLin Festival Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Contribution towards the hire costs and cost of props etc required to hold a pantomime within the east end area. This will promote volunteering and community spirit	£1,300	£1,000	£1,000
YD/SEY015	Dundee Thistle FC	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase training equipment to increase the group's physical activity	£454	£354	£354
PEI/SE006	Douglas Euro Bins <b>Housing Department</b>	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Contribution towards installation of euro bins in the Douglas area	£23,003	£20,008	£20,008
PEI/SE007	Douglas Community Centre Room Improvements - Douglas Management Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To redecorate a recently vacated room within the centre, previously used by the out of school club	£9,873	£9,369	£9,369