

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2013/14

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 516-2013

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2013/14 and makes recommendations for grants in 2013/14.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the allocations to the Community Regeneration Forum for 2013/14 and funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £125,000 to each of the city's Community Regeneration Forums for the year 2013/14. The total budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in para 5.1

3.2 Grants of £47,474 are recommended from the allocations for 2013/14.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Policy and Resources Committee, 7 December 2009 approved Report No 591-2009 (Article No IV refers) which made funding available to Community Regeneration Forums to support local regeneration activity.

4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.

4.3 The rationale for the allocation of funding to Community Regeneration Forums was approved by Policy and Resources Committee, 22 February 2010, Report No 84-2010, (Article No III refers). Allocations of £125,000 per annum were made to wards which contained datazones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These were Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine. The recent Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012 confirms that these six wards contain the datazones in Dundee which are the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland. The West End and The Ferry wards have no datazones in this category.

4.4 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, 20 December 2004, Report No 743-2004 (Article No II refers). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.

- 4.5 Community Regeneration Forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2012/13.

Local Forum	Total Allocation	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£51,317	£41,673	£32,010
East End	£125,111	£103,860	£0	£21,251
Lochee	£125,000	£73,107	£495	£51,398
Maryfield	£125,000	£89,668	£0	£35,332
North East	£125,000	£86,673	£5,306	£33,021
Strathmartine	£125,011	£92,496	£0	£32,515
Total	£750,122	£497,121	£47,474	£205,527

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £47,474.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report.

- 6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2012 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities. The targeting of additional resources into areas of deprivation to tackle inequalities are at the heart of the Scottish Government's public service reform agenda. A commitment to 'close the gap' in outcomes is expected of all community planning partnerships in Scotland.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner 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 PAPERS

None.

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
C1313	Highway Management Group	Coldside	To fund tutor costs for a 7 session, fortnightly programme of jewellery design sessions for the craft group Relax with Crafts – Hilltown. Sessions take place in the MAXwell Centre and there are currently twelve group members.	£506	£506	£506
CP1304	Environment Department	Coldside	To improve the Dens Road children's play area. One existing item of play equipment is to be replaced and additional equipment and benches installed. The whole area is to be resurfaced and improvements made to fencing and signage.	£36,431	£36,431	£36,431
CP1306	On The Whole	Coldside	On The Whole is a project that will provide peer-group support for approximately 40 Looked After and Accommodated Children. Funding will assist in developing a safe, relaxed multifunctional space at 211 Hilltown that meets the needs of young people.	£14,602	£4,736	£4,736
L1320	Lochee Aquafit	Lochee	To subsidise 275 aquafit tickets that will enable approximately 64 local people to participate in these regular exercise classes. <i>Note: Some funds are to be transferred from the Youth Diversionary allocation as insufficient Small Grant funding is available.</i>	£495	£495	£495
NE1321	Link Up Whitfield (SAMH)	North East	To purchase a projector for the Cinema Club which is currently attended by 15-20 local people but aims to attract a wider audience as the group becomes better known.	£ 2,425	£855	£855

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NEP1305	101 Project	North East	To purchase child safety equipment that will benefit 30 children and their families attending the Busy Bees Family Group each week. The group has sourced other funding for play equipment.	£1,762	£1,762	£1,762
NEP1306	City Development	North East	To install eleven bollards near to shops on Fintry Road to prevent problem parking and improve access / safety for local residents.	£2,689	£2,689	£2,689