

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2007

REPORT ON: GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 522-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the recommendations of the Director of Social Work on the Section 10 grant awards to voluntary organisations for 2007/2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

Agrees payment to the voluntary organisations listed in Appendix 1 at the levels outlined.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of implementing the recommendations within this report is £46,594. This cost can be met from the total 2007/2008 revenue budget provision for grant award payment to voluntary organisations.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environment Assessment, Anti Poverty, Equality, Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.
- 4.2 These grants are made to promote social welfare and are targeted at voluntary organisations which provide assistance and promote social inclusion amongst the most vulnerable members of the community.

5.0 MAIN TEXT

- 5.1 A range of voluntary organisations receive funding from the Social Work Department as payment for specific services provided. The provision of these services is governed by a service level agreement with the organisation concerned.
- 5.2 However, the Social Work Department also frequently received requests from voluntary organisations for grant funding to support activities which contribute in general to social welfare.

5.3 Limited budget provision has been made to meet this need and applications for grant aid were invited in January 2007. Applications received have now been assessed and recommendations for funding are outlined in Appendix 1. All applications were assessed against specific criteria. Priority has been given to those organisations, groups or individuals whose applications are demonstrably:

- consistent with the Council's Core Values as outlined in the Council Plan;
- consistent with the Social Work Department's strategic aims, service plan and priorities as detailed in the Social Work Service Plan, the Joint Community Care Plan and the Children's Services Plan;
- of potential benefit to priority groups;
- democratic, publicly accountable and based on equal opportunities principles; and
- cost effective and capable of contributing to partnership working.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Alan G Baird
Director of Social Work

Date: 28 September 2007

SECTION 10 APPLICATIONS 2007/2008

Organisation	Amount Recommended	Purpose
Scottish Child Law Centre	£1,035	To provide a unique information and advice service on any issue of child law or children rights in Scotland
Samaritans	£2,626	To part fund installation of automatic opening and closing mechanical door system to assist disabled access and re-decoration thereafter
Steve Bretel	£2,335	To help provide specialist music services for people with disabilities. Assistance with equipment and premises funding
Breathe Easy Dundee	£1,068	To contribute towards a newsletter, activity and meeting room hire. This organisation runs a group for those with a lung condition or their carers
Shelter Scotland	£800	To contribute towards running costs excluding salaries. To assist people who have housing problems and prevent homelessness
Positive Perceptions	£3,000	To provide funding for venues, advertising materials and other incidentals to provide a service aimed at promoting well-being, self expression, thus enhancing life experiences
Cool Kids Club	£2,950	To contribute towards providing holiday activities throughout summer, autumn and spring school holidays
Circles Around Dundee	£4,500	To contribute towards increased rental of new premises
Headway Tayside	£3,000	To contribute towards cost of activities for members
Couple Counselling	£10,300	To contribute towards running costs & training to assist couples experiencing

Kirkton Community Centre	£2,000	difficulties in their relationship To contribute towards running programme for kids during Summer / Easter holiday periods.
Brittle Bone Society	£1,200	To contribute towards specialised equipment repair fund
Starter Packs Dundee	£5,000	To contribute towards accommodation costs and services received within accommodation
The Link Club - Special Interest Branch of ENABLE	£800	To contribute towards cost of running a club for 33 members (adults with learning disabilities) to socialise and take part in activities (minibus costs)
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£1,500	To contribute towards running costs of national Family Support Centre
Grey Lodge Resettlement	£3,500	To contribute towards running costs, minibus maintenance and insurance and volunteers expenses/training
Deafblind Scotland	£980	To contribute towards costs associated with membership services ie newsletter/magazine, activities and visits
TOTAL	£46,594	