

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER 2009

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

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REPORT NO: 523-2009

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 £231,691 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 (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£164,385	£126,556	£136,588	£136,638	£200,701	£764,868
Current Proposals	£9,978	£95,767	£65,754	£56,696	£3,496	£231,691
Still Available	£9,146	£10,672	£7,043	£20,717	£8,473	£56,051

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £231,691 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardlar/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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Fairer Scotland Fund - 2009/2010

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW030	No. 10 Sheltered Housing Complex	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To provide transport for seasonal activity taking out elderly tenants and residents of Ardler and surrounding areas	£182	£182	£182
SG/NW031	Kirkton Kips Gymnastics	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To provide transport and entry fee costs for 70 participants to attend and compete in a National Display Event in Perth	£1,210	£1,100	£1,100
SG/NW032	Kirkton Kafe Area Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To enable completion of improvements to youth area in Kirkton Community Centre	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
SG/NW033	Mains Parish Church	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	50% contribution towards replacing boiler and purchase of new cooker for groups using premises	£2,836	£1,418	£1,418
SG/NW034	Kirkton Community Centre Management Group - Short Tennis	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To purchase equipment to provide short tennis activity sessions for all ages	£709	£700	£700
SG/NW035	Kirkton Community Centre Management Group - Arts and Digital Photography	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To provide twelve 2 hour sessions with Art and Digital Photography tutors. Purchasing of mounts and frames to enable an exhibition showcasing the groups work	£1,390	£1,390	£1,390
SG/NW036	St. Mary's Holiday Planning Group Social Work Department	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To provide coach hire, tickets and refreshments to enable 50 adults and children to attend a pantomime.	£685	£685	£685

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SG/NW037	St. Mary's Information on Local Events - SMILE Newsletter	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Costs towards production of a 24 page newsletter which is delivered to all households in the St. Mary's area	£670	£500	£500
PEI/NW008	Sanctuary Scotland	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To fund additional safer surfacing for play features to be installed	£22,503	£2,003	£2,003
SG/W035	St. Clements Out of School Care Club (Healthy Snacks)	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide healthy and nutritional snacks for primary school pupils attending the club	£930	£930	£930
SG/W036	Charleston Women's Group	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Transport and entrance costs for a trip to Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Parliament and McArthur Glen.	£356	£356	£356
SG/W037	Charleston Women's Group	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Tutor costs for jewellery making workshops and a pampering session.	£320	£320	£320

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PEI/W009	Lochee Physical Regeneration Framework City Development	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide street furniture and planters on Lochee High Street to improve the physical landscape	£2,600,000	£10,000	£10,000
PEI/W010	South Road Allotments Leisure & Communities	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To reinstate the allotments in South Road park, providing galvanised palisade fence and huts for allotment holders	£33,600	£28,000	£28,000
PEI/W011	Floodlights Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Leisure & Communities	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Install floodlights for the multi use games area on South Road, to improve accessibility and usage during winter months	£15,500	£10,000	£10,000
PEI/W012	Myrekirk Park Enhancements Leisure & Communities	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To enhance parkland by improving access and by landscaping and providing natural play opportunities. The design has been prepared with consideration and reference to standing stones, a scheduled monument on the site	£35,641	£35,641	£35,641
PEI/W013	Kickwall/Seating Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Leisure & Communities	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Install a kickwall/basketball hoop and seating on piece of tarmac at end of the MUGA on South Road	£10,520	£10,520	£10,520
SG/NE018	Whitfield Community Centre Local Management Group	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Purchase and installation of personal computers, Broadband connection and wireless modem router. This will introduce free public access to Broadband Technology	£6,101	£4,951	£3,500

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SG/NE023	Finmill Centre Local Management Group	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Purchase of two lockable glass cabinets to display the achievements of local people who have used the centre e.g. Adult Learners	£492	£450	£450
SG/NE024	The Pavilion, Mill o' Mains	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To host a seasonal event to bring the Mill o' Mains community together to highlight the range of health and social care initiatives available.	£1,707	£1,405	£1,405
PEI/NE008	Friends of Longhaugh Parent Council	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Purchase of start up equipment to prepare and maintain a Celebration Garden at the school to celebrate 50 years of the school being in the community. All members of the community will be invited bringing all ages together and allowing them to enhance their gardening skills	£2,999	£2,999	£2,999
PEI/NE009	Fintry Shops Safety Bollards City Development - Traffic	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Installation of 13 bollards at two shopping areas in Fintry Road to restrict access to illegal parking and improve pedestrian safety	£3,250	£3,250	£3,250
PEI/NE011	Mill o' Mains Footbridge Fencing Improvements City Development - Traffic	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To improve fencing at west side of footbridge to deter illegal motor cycling and improve pedestrian safety	£950	£950	£950

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PEI/NE012	Dunbar Park Owner Occupiers Residents Association - Carriageway Improvements	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Repair, regenerate and resurface the roadway within the car park at Specklewood, Chalkhill and Swallowtail Court	£74,000	£30,000	£30,000
PEI/NE013	Orchard Court Footpath Improvements City Development - Road Maintenance	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Full excavation and surface upgrade for all paths in Orchard Court improving resident safety	£43,571	£20,000	£20,000
PEI/NE014	Finlathen Park Leisure & Communities	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To complete ongoing work that has been vandalised and enable the project to be finished	£744	£744	£744
PEI/NE015	Fintry North Motorcycle Preventative Fencing Leisure & Communities	Mill o' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To supply and install galvanised chicanes to reduce illegal motorbike use	£2,456	£2,456	£2,456
SG/C028	Age Concern	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Part costs for seasonal lunch for the elderly service users of the Fiveways Centre.	£1,405	£705	£705

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SG/C030	Maxwelltown Information Centre	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase and set up an ICT suite (8 computer stations) that will provide IT training and computer access to local community. This will allow local community members to enhance their knowledge and competence in computer skills	£4,348	£4,348	£4,348
SG/C031	Dura Street Sheltered Housing	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase and install a projector and large screen in the complex lounge for activities where all tenants can enjoy DVD's of social events and movies.	£1,878	£1,383	£1,383
SG/C032	Women's Wellbeing Workout (Hearing Voices Network)	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To fund exercise and relaxation sessions (twice weekly for 14 weeks) and exercise equipment for participants with mental health issues who need to develop confidence in a secure setting before accessing a mainstream class or activity	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375
YD/CY012	DISC Target Project Leisure & Communities Youth Work Team	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase replacement equipment, publicity materials, and provide a small start-up budget for young women's focus work and additional funds to enable peer volunteers participation	£1,758	£1,508	£1,508

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YD/CY013	Information Technology Resources Leisure & Communities Youth Work Team	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To purchase 3 laptop computers and modems to use when working with young people in a range of community venues. To narrow the gap between those who have access to computers, internet etc. out of school and those who have not. Will enable youth workers to provide a more flexible and responsive service	£1,638	£1,638	£1,638
YD/CY014	Morgan Academy Pupil Support (School Fund)	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	A seasonal trip for eighteen 3rd year pupils who are receiving pupil support. Many of these young people suffer from social, emotional or behavioural difficulties and are often not involved in mainstream school trips and activities due to these	£247	£241	£241
PEI/C009	Dundee Contract Services Landscape Design Team - Hilltown Park	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To install toddler play equipment and adult exercise equipment in Hilltown Park	£44,058	£44,058	£44,058
SG/SE025	Age Concern Dundee	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	Contribution towards seasonal activity. To relieve the social isolation felt by many and allow elderly users the opportunity to meet and socialise with their peers	£1,405	£705	£228

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SG/SE026	Tayside Police, Section 1 Community Officers	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase three bicycles which will allow Community Crime Officers to engage with the public within local communities and allow them to provide a visible presence	£3,763	£2,268	£2,268
SG/SE027	East End Youth Team Leisure & Communities Youth Work Team	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase tickets and contribute towards travel for pantomime at Whitehall Theatre to allow local groups to come together and further community engagement	£1,100	£1,000	£1,000