

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 2004

REPORT ON: PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 599-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to progress public performance reporting, and to provide the Committee with details of progress achieved through the implementation of Dundee's Social Inclusion Partnerships.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is:

- 2.1 asked to note progress made in implementing each of the Geographical Social Inclusion Partnerships in Dundee, and the significant contribution that these programmes made to addressing social justice in the city.
- 2.2 advised that the Social Inclusion Partnerships are due to complete on 31 March 2005 to be replaced with regeneration funding to Community Planning Partnerships

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The financial implications are as follows:

COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04	APPROVED ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	% SPEND
	£	£	%
SIP 1			
CORE FUNDING (INCL SUPPORT COSTS)	2,377,621	2,325,302	97.80
TACKLING DRUG MISUSE	82,972	81,164	97.80
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES	80,000	62,198	77.75
	2,540,593	2,468,664	97.17
SIP 2			
CORE FUNDING	219,000	208,070	95.00
TACKLING DRUG MISUSE	94,151	94,151	100.00
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES	73,000	63,234	86.60
	386,151	365,455	94.64
SIP 3 – EXPLORE			
CORE FUNDING	507,828	432,539	85.17
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES	63,766	63,766	100.00
	571,594	496,305	86.83
SIP 4 – YOUNG CARERS			
CORE FUNDING	111,997	111,997	100.00
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES	70,000	70,000	100.00
	181,997	181,997	100.00

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Social Inclusion Partnerships address numerous Agenda 21 targets. In particular, the Geographic Social Inclusion Partnerships aim to benefit the environment of the neighbourhoods on which they are targeted. Meeting needs locally is a central focus for the geographic Social Inclusion Partnerships.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The resources made available through the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund are to be targeted on those geographies which were within the most disadvantaged 10% of enumeration districts at the time of the 1991 census. The thematic Social Inclusion Partnerships are also established to address inequality – both are intended to have the effect of equaling opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – Ardler/Kirkton/Mid Craigie/Linlathen and Hilltown

6.1.1 Approved in 1996 as a Priority Partnership Area, Social Inclusion Partnership 1 is the main programme directing its efforts towards the regeneration of four neighbourhoods, which at the time of its designation suffered the greatest concentration of indicators of poverty and deprivation in Dundee.

6.1.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 was approved on a ten year basis subject to satisfactory performance.

6.1.3 The Partnership is managed under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Partnership Board and brings together representatives from:

- Dundee City Council
- NHS Tayside
- Scottish Enterprise Tayside
- Communities Scotland
- Community and Voluntary Alliance
- Local SIP 1 Groups
- SIP 2 Forum

6.1.4 This Partnership has an implementation team comprising a Co-ordinator and a Social Inclusion Partnership worker for each of the designated communities and a lead officer to support voluntary sector engagements.

6.1.5 The team has developed local representative structures within each SIP area to facilitate community involvement. Funding has been provided to the Dundee Business Support Group to assist the engagement of the private sector in the regeneration process.

6.1.6 The regeneration strategy has been developed from the four themes of:

- Creating stability
- Encouraging prosperity
- Promoting sustainability
- And empowerment

6.1.7 Appendix 1 details the main projects supported by Social Inclusion Partnership 1 in 2003-2004.

6.1.8 A detailed evaluation of progress achieved against the baseline indicators has been undertaken as part of the mid-term review of this Social Inclusion Partnership.

- 6.1.9 The results of this evaluation were last reported to Committee in August 2001 (Report 262-2001 refers). The full text of the evaluation is available from the Centre for Planning Research, the Geddes Centre at the University of Dundee.
- 6.2 **Social Inclusion Partnership 2 includes Whitfield/Fintry/Mill O'Mains/Charleston/St Mary's/Stobswell/Douglas**
- 6.2.1 Approved at the same time as the Priority Partnership Area 1 in 1996, Social Inclusion Partnership 2 was originally designated as a regeneration programme and was funded initially for five years (to 31 March 2002). The programme focuses on those areas of the city which are eligible for special Government assistance and which fall outwith the Social Inclusion Partnership area. It has now been extended to March 2005. The present developments relating to Community Planning will see the extension of provision to these areas.
- 6.2.2 Appendix 2 details the main projects supported by Social Inclusion Partnership 2 in 2003-2004 (Report No 120-2004 refers).
- 6.3 **Social Inclusion Partnership 3 – Xplore**
- 6.3.1 The Xplore Partnership was approved in November 1999 under the bid title "Give Youth A Chance". Its aim is to support young people between the ages of 11 and 18 years who are, or are deemed to be, at risk of social exclusion to make positive choices in their lives.
- 6.3.2 The Partnership brings together:
- Careers Scotland
 - Communities Department
 - Education Department
 - Social Work Department
 - Tayside Health Board
 - Job Centre Plus
 - Scottish Enterprise Tayside
 - Dundee College
- 6.3.3 The programme operated by the Partnership concentrates on five key performance areas:
- Promoting achievement – supporting learning and training opportunities.
 - Encouraging engagement – with schools, peers, families and communities.
 - Addressing vulnerability – personal safety, offending behaviour, disadvantages of poverty.
 - Promoting health – access to leisure and sports, addressing risky behaviour, promoting sexual health and respect, raising awareness of mental health needs.
 - Developing self-respect – providing individualised support, personal and social development training and providing positive and challenging experiences.
- 6.3.4 Between June 2003 and May 2004 Xplore received 280 referrals, 69% of whom were boys (a continuing ratio of 3:1). This disengagement by young men continues to be a national trend and has been noted in a number of arenas. If we are to promote an inclusive Scotland where all its citizens are valued, we have to work to develop national strategies to address this disengagement.
- 6.3.5 Sixty nine percent of all referrals have been between the ages of 13 and 15.
- 6.3.6 Referrals have largely come through either Social Work or Education Department (78.5%) with the next highest source being self-referrals (8%). The remainder was spread between parents, carers, Careers Scotland, voluntary organisations, youth workers and health professionals.

6.3.7 Referrals were for a combination of the following reasons:

- Behavioural issues 42%
- Offending 20%
- Social/emotional difficulties 13%
- Anger/Aggression 18%
- Bullied 14%
- Depression/anxiety 5%
- Autism 2%
- Disability 3%
- ADHD 13%
- Asthma 3%
- Low self esteem/confidence 31%

6.3.8 Evident from above is that Xplore Partnership works with a high percentage of young people who can at best be described as 'challenging'. Their level of need is often so long standing that at times it can be difficult to imagine how a time limited programme like Xplore can begin to make an impact. However, central to our ethos of promoting inclusion is to foster a culture of optimism and hope.

6.3.9 The Social Inclusion Partnership's work was subject to external evaluations by Dr I McPherson, Community Health Research and Evaluation and Blake Stevenson Ltd, engaged by Communities Scotland. Both evaluations were extremely positive and reported to Council under Report No 331-2004.

6.3.10 During 2004-2005 the Xplore SIP has more closely aligned with BNSF Support for Young People services to move towards an integrated service post March 2005.

6.4 **Social Inclusion Partnership 4 – Young Carers Partnership**

6.4.1 Approved in November 1999, the Young Carers Partnership is governed by Healthy Dundee and managed by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers Centre in Dundee.

The definition of a young carer is anyone under 18 years who is helping to care for a parent or another family member with physical disability, learning difficulties, mental health problems, HIV/Aids or other long term illness and alcohol or drug dependency.

6.4.2 The Partnership brings together representatives who are part of the Advisory Board from:

- NHS Tayside (3 Reps)
- Communities Department
- Education Department
- Social Work Department
- Princess Royal Trust for Carers
- Dundee Association for Mental Health
- Barnardo's
- Youthlink

6.4.3 The key objectives for the Young Carers Partnership are to identify young carers (many of whom are hidden) and to support them to have positive lifestyles and social relationships, reducing the exclusion which can be an inherent aspect of being a young carer.

6.4.4 The Partnership seeks to make a difference to the lives of young people by giving them opportunities to enjoy social time with other young carers. It also provides information and individual support to young people enabling them to understand and cope with their role more easily and to go on caring for their relatives as must want to do.

6.4.5 The Partnership seeks to link young carers into support and networks, liaising with other agencies including The Shore and Homestart. The existence of the Young Carers Partnership has had a positive effect on raising awareness of young carers amongst professionals, especially through the awareness training that has been delivered to a wide range of professionals, totaling 723 participants.

The YCP were also commissioned by 'Shared Care Scotland' to deliver a number of seminars in Scotland on young carers.

6.4.6 The Young Carers Partnership is evaluated by Tayside Health Board's Department of Public Health Medicine.

The Partnership has undergone an external evaluation which identified the value of the support given to young carers and how well the work has met the original objectives. A copy of the report is available on request from the Co-ordinator and a summary can be found on the website: www.youngcarers.co.uk.

6.4.7 The work that has been carried out in schools has developed further to offer input into Social Education classes; this has been taken up by Harris Academy and Baldrigon Academy. Two other schools are also looking at having this service. 1,086 pupils have now participated and approximately 10% have identified themselves as young carers.

Last year three young Carers assist the Education Department to develop anti-racist and anti-bullying leaflets for distribution in all secondary schools. Those young people are now acting as mentors to assist primary school children to develop their own leaflet.

6.4.8 Four young carers are currently undertaking Youth Achievement Awards which enables them to gain accreditation for skills development.

6.4.9 The Partnership has been ensuring that young carers voices are heard within the Community Planning Agenda and that services continue to be provided for this vulnerable group post 31 March 2005. As part of this the YCP (with the other SIPS) helped to organise seminars to raise awareness about Community Planning including SIFEST which included the participation of young people.

- 6.4.10 The Partnership has championed the right for young carers to have an assessment and the Social Work Department have responsibility to undertake them. The assessments have now been rolled out and the YCP continues to promote the uptake of this service. This year 10,000 leaflets were issued to all of the local schools to assist this process.
- 6.4.11 There have been 747 enquiries to Young Carers Partnership for information.
- There have been 123 young carers who have been supported through 1:1 support and group work. The highest number of referrals have come from the voluntary sector (67%) with Social Work second.
- There have been 18,000 hits on the Young Carers website since March 2003. The YCP website has just been redeveloped to encompass support and information for young people and materials for professionals.
- 6.4.12 The YCP Training packs have been purchased by a number of professional teams including West Lothian and Edinburgh Young carers. A total of 35 packs have now been sold.
- 6.4.13 The Young Carers Partnership continues to support the YouthCare Group which provides personal and social development opportunities, fun activities and peer support. A number of voluntary sector initiatives have also been supported including the Barnardos Siblings group and an interagency video and booklet called "My Family, My Home" (copies available from the Co-ordinator).
- 6.4.14 The number of young carers that have now been identified in Dundee by the YCP is 645 from an initial baseline of 16.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 The report is based on extracts from the Annual Reports approved by each of the Social Inclusion Partnerships referred to above.

Partnership Co-ordinators and Chairs have also been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Each Partnership has submitted an annual report to the Scottish Executive. Copies of these reports are available on request and have been placed in the Councillors' Lounge. The contents of this report are based on extracts from these annual reports.

Signed: Stewart Murdoch
Head of Communities

Date: 9 August 2004