

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2018
REPORT ON: DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUNDING 2018/19
REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
REPORT NO: 63-2018

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To propose the funding allocation to the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund (DPCRf) for 2018/19

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (a) The allocations set out in paragraph 5.1 are confirmed
- (b) Community Regeneration Forums and LCPPs continue to be the route through which recommendations on the DPCRf are made, as specified in paragraphs 4.3
- (c) The Building Stronger Communities Group continues to ratify the recommendations from (b) above on behalf of the Dundee Partnership

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends a total allocation of £866,935 be made from Capital and Revenue budgets in 2018/19, with at least £330,774 of this allocated to capital projects.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Community Regeneration Forums were first established in September 2004 to respond to the Scottish Government's Closing the Gap agenda.

4.2 Since 2010, the Dundee Partnership has continued its commitment to supporting Community Regeneration Forums by committing funding to each Forum initially for three years until 2013 and since then on an annual basis. In the year 2017/18 a one off additional allocation was made taking the total available to £1,000,000.

4.3 Forums are in place in six of Dundee's eight Wards; Colonsay, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine. Since 2014-15 an allocation has been made within the DPCRf to help tackle pockets of deprivation in The Ferry and West End Wards. Recommendations on the spending of this are made through the LCPPs of these two Wards.

4.4 The Community Regeneration Forum links with Local Community Planning Partnerships have been strengthened through the Dundee Partnership agreeing to allocate funding to Community Regeneration Forums. This is then allocated in close liaison with Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs). Funding has been directed towards three priority areas: physical improvements, youth diversionary activity and small grants to local groups.

4.6 The role of the Forums has been widely recognised and they are central to the infrastructure of Community Planning, Decentralisation and Community Engagement. Accordingly this has been reflected in Dundee Partnership's commitment to their continuing key role.

4.7 Projects Supported through this funding touch on every aspect of life in our communities. They support many social and community activities to promote inclusion and community wellbeing and spirit alongside significant physical improvements that have been identified by local people.

4.8 Dundee continues to be at the forefront of community empowerment in Scotland. As well as the community regeneration fund, we are making good progress in realising our ambition of community asset transfer, maintaining our funding for the Youth Participatory budget and delivering on our commitment to the Dundee Decides pilot Community Infrastructure Fund of £1.2M.

5 FUNDING PROPSALS FOR 2018/19

5.1 It is proposed that the funding levels for 2018/19 are allocated as detailed in the table below.

5.2 Within the allocation to each Forum (excepting the West End and The Ferry), it is proposed that;

- a) No less than 40% of the available funds are allocated to Capital projects to support physical improvements to communities as identified through the local Engage Dundee initiative and recently agreed local community plans
- b) Up to 60% of the available funds are allocated to Youth Diversionary & Small Grant activity.

5.3 Given the levels of funding available to West End and The Ferry, it is proposed that no additional ringfences are added to the allocations of £20,000.

Ward	2018-19	Capital Physical & Environmental Improvements	Revenue Youth Diversionary & Small Grants	Total
Coldside	£ 125,000	£ 50,000	£ 75,000	£ 125,000
East End	£ 136,473	£ 54,589	£ 81,884	£ 136,473
Lochee	£ 190,462	£ 76,185	£ 114,277	£ 190,462
Maryfield	£ 125,000	£ 50,000	£ 75,000	£ 125,000
North East	£ 125,000	£ 50,000	£ 75,000	£ 125,000
Strathmartine	£ 125,000	£ 50,000	£ 75,000	£ 125,000
The Ferry	£ 20,000	£ -	£ 20,000	£ 20,000
West End	£ 20,000	£ -	£ 20,000	£ 20,000
Total	£ 866,935	£ 330,774	£ 536,161	£ 866,935

N.B. The above allocations exclude any carry forward from 2017/18 funds that may be agreed at year end

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk and an Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out.

7. CONSULTATION

Members of the Community Regeneration Forums and Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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Document Description

This report recommends an allocation to Community Regeneration Forums of £866,935 be made from Capital and Revenue budgets in 2018/2019, with at least £330,774 of this allocated to capital projects.

Intended Outcome

To empower local people to fund social and community activities to promote inclusion and community wellbeing and spirit alongside significant physical improvements that have been identified by local people.

How will the proposal be monitored?

All grants are monitored by the Dundee Partnership Team based on project completion reports submitted by successful applicants.

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Equality and Diversity	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Age	X			
Disability	X			
Gender Reassignment				X
Marriage and Civil Partnership				X
Pregnancy and Maternity	X			
Race/Ethnicity	X			
Religion or Belief	X			
Sex	X			
Sexual Orientation)				X

Does the proposal require a full assessment of its equalities impacts? No

Equality and Diversity Implications

Community regeneration forums fund positive projects designed to bring people together to generate community spirit and wellbeing. Recipients are often groups and organisations offering support and activities across age ranges, reflecting the needs and interests of many with physical disabilities, poor mental wellbeing and various faith groups.

Proposed Mitigating Actions: Not applicable.

Fairness and Poverty - Geography

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton)	X			
Lochee (Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill)	X			
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside)	X			
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre)	X			
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains)	X			
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas)	X			
The Ferry	X			
West End	X			

Fairness and Poverty - Household Group

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Looked After Children and Care Leavers				X
Carers				X
Lone Parent Families	X			
Single Female households with children	X			
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children	X			
Pensioners - single/couple	X			
Unskilled workers or unemployed	X			
Serious and Enduring Mental Health Problems	X			
Homeless				X
Drug and/or Alcohol Problems	X			
Offenders and Ex-Offenders				X

Fairness and Poverty - Risk Factor

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Employment	X			
Education and Skills	X			
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation	X			
Childcare	X			
Affordability and Accessibility of services	X			

Fairness and Poverty Implications

This funding is specifically aimed at addressing the socio-economic factor that create poverty and are reflected in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Fairness and Poverty Mitigating Actions: Not applicable.

EnvironmentClimate Change

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Mitigating greenhouse gases		X		
Adapting to the effects of climate change		X		

Resource Use

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Energy efficiency and consumption	X			
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste	X			
Sustainable Procurement	X			

Transport

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Accessible transport provision	X			
Sustainable modes of transport				X

Natural Environment

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Air, land and water quality		X		
Biodiversity		X		
Open and green spaces	X			

Built Environment

	Positive	No Impact	Negative	Not Known
Built Heritage	X			
Housing	X			

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)? No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Environmental Implications and Mitigating Actions

Environmental Implications - Many projects are funded to improve green and open spaces in communities.

Proposed Mitigating Actions: Not applicable.

Corporate Risk

Corporate Risk Implications - The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Proposed Mitigating Actions: Not applicable.