

REPORT TO: Communities Committee - 20 November 2006

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Allocation of Local Action Fund 2006-2007 (4)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 654-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the allocation of grant awards from the Local Action Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the allocation of grants outlined in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award can be met from external funding from the Scottish Executive under the Community Safety Local Action Fund Programme 2006-2008.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

None.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Anti Poverty Principles addressed in the Report include Social Inclusion, specifically, "Ensuring safety and security" and "Engaging with disadvantaged communities and hard to reach individuals/groups".

The impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations may be measured in the numbers of young people engaging in diversionary activity resulting in fewer incidences of youth causing annoyance, vandalism and other acts of anti social behaviour.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Equal opportunities principles addressed in this report include, "Measures taken within crime prevention, community safety, education and other initiatives to eliminate violence and harassment against people because of their race, genders, sexuality or connection to other target groups.

5.2 Impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations will be evident in the numbers of young people engaging with youth work and other staff and as a result, accessing programmes promoting equalities issues.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 At its meeting on 10 May 2004, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Dundee Community Safety Partnership bid for external funding from the

Scottish Executive under the Local Action Fund Programme for 2004-2005. The successful bid totalled £206,000.

- 6.2 On 18 November 2005 the Scottish Executive advised further funding extension of £185,000 per annum for 2006-2008.
- 6.3 Similar commissioning criteria is required for 2006-2008.
- 6.4 An important element of the commissioning is to ensure services have an impact on the strategic themes agreed by the Dundee Community Safety Partnership for 2006-2010, in particular "reducing crime and the fear of crime" and "reducing antisocial behaviour especially youth after 20.00 hours week days and at weekends".
- 6.5 Dundee Community Safety Partnership agreed at its meeting on 24 November 2005 to devolve a commissioning budget to the 3 local Community Learning and Development Partnerships (Youth Sub Groups) to assess and recommend proposed awards for Committee approval.
- 6.6 The Community Learning and Development structure allows for the localising of this award programme to allow the key local stakeholders, young people and local communities involvement in the best and most efficient use of resources.
- 6.7 Each area Community Learning and Development Partnership (Youth Sub Group) has been allocated £60,000 to disburse as per agreed criteria. £5,000 has been retained centrally for evaluation and promotional expenditure.
- 6.8 The existing application forms and guidance notes have been adapted for Community Learning and Development Partnership Sub Group local use.
The award assessment criteria and report templates are still valid and meet Scottish Executive Award criteria.
- 6.9 The Community Safety Section will continue to discharge the evaluation/audit and quality assurance requirements set by the Scottish Executive as award programme conditions.
- 6.10 All recommendations require Dundee City Council Committee approval to discharge Scottish Executive accountability and finance criteria.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) along with and the Dundee Community Safety Partnership/Children's Services Strategic Planning Group have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its content.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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1 NOVEMBER 2006**

**LOCAL ACTION FUND 2006-2007 (4)
RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL CLD GROUP**

Ref No	Application	Target Area	Purpose of Award	Total Cost	Award Requested	Award Recommended	Notes
CSG/LAF 40/06	Youth Sports Development-Mid Craigie Dance Programme (Leisure & Communities)	Mid Craigie (Area 6)	To provide dance as a diversionary activity and provide an opportunity to meet other city wide dance groups.	£1,592.80	£1,592.80	£1,592.80	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	West	Central	East	Combined Areas
* Total Funds Available	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	£180,000
Less Recommendations 17 April 2006 Report	£46,169	£48,310	£19,984	£114,463
Balance Remaining After 17 April 2006 Report	£13,831	£11,690	£40,016	£65,537
Less Recommendations 26 June 2006 Report	£13,085	£11,690	£40,016	£64,791
Balance Remaining After 26 June 2006 Report	£746	£0	£0	£746
Re-allocation of accumulated underspend from projects	£4,765	£4,765	£4,765	£14,295
Total Funds Available 23 October 2006 Report	£5,511	£4,765	£4,765	£15,041
Less Recommendations 23 October 2006 Report	£4,176	£3,885.24	£0	£8,061.24
Balance Remaining After 23 October 2006 Report	£1,335	£879.76	£4,765	£6,979.76
Less Recommendations 20 November 2006 Report	£0	£0	£1,592.80	£1,592.80
New Remaining Balance	£1,335	£879.76	£3,172.20	£5,386.96

* NOTE: £1,500 held centrally to cover cost of Local Action Fund Newsletter.