

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2002

**REPORT ON: PROGRAMME FOR PARTNERSHIPS/SOCIAL INCLUSION
PARTNERSHIPS - AREA ACTION PLANS**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Committee with regard to the Action Plans (1999-2001) developed to fulfil the Area Strategies for Ardler, Kirkton, Maxwelltown/Hilltown and Mid Craigie/Linlathen, (Planning and Transportation Committee 28 June 1999, Item 10, Report 334/99 refers). Also to seek approval for the Action Plans for the next 2 year period (2001-2003). Copies of these are available in Members' Lounges.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Area Action Plans as presented.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council as a result of this report. Subsequent reports will be necessary, across this and subsequent financial years, with regard to implementation of initiative and project approvals subject to available resources and the ability of the Council and the Partners to attract additional resources.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The plans and actions arising will have positive impacts with regard to involving local communities; developing skills, knowledge and information needed to enable groups and individuals to play a fuller part in Society; work towards improving health activities within the selected areas; developing opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation readily accessible to all, and pursuing local needs.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This proposal responds to the Corporate Plan aims of ensuring a child friendly, secure and healthy environment, and involving the local community in the delivery of actions within their area.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Area Strategies for Ardler, Kirkton, Maxwelltown/Hilltown, and Mid Craigie/ Linlathen were local variations consistent with the city wide Community Regeneration Strategy. These were developed to comply with the successful Programme for Partnership Priority Programme Area (PPA) approval in 1996. These Strategies have a lifespan of five years, they outline the main focus for activity and are a basis for assessing SIP grant bids by organisations and groups. The two year Action Plans identify local ambitions to deliver the SIP area strategies.
- 6.2 The Community Regeneration Strategy has been reviewed and the four SIP Area Strategies are under review. The general principles of these remain unchanged, therefore the context within which the Action Plans are set remains valid.
- 6.3 An assessment of the achievements of SIP Area 1 Action Plan has been prepared and these are available in Member's Lounges.

- 6.4 The audit of the SIP Area Action Plans 1999-2001 and the development of the replacement SIP Area Action Plans has been achieved with the involvement of and in consultation with local community representatives and groups, the voluntary sector, the Council's public agency partners including Tayside Health Board, SET and Scottish Homes, by the relevant Dundee Partnership Neighbourhood Development Groups.
- 6.5 The two year SIP Area Action Plans in each of the 4 priority areas are a key component in the delivery of the SIP area strategies. It is therefore necessary to secure approval for these.

7 SUMMARY OF REVIEW

- 7.1 Across the four SIP areas, there has been substantial progress in achieving the demolition programme in support of removing unpopular housing stock and promoting tenure diversification. Substantial environmental improvements have been completed, integrating the remaining housing areas and at problem sites focusing on community safety, general vandalism, improved pedestrian routes and car access for residents' cars.
- 7.2 The establishment of job shops has been successful. Further initiatives undertaken include IT training and pre-recruitment courses in retail, social care and call centre skills. Development has also occurred through the Adult Learning Strategies, study support groups and through the Learning Around Project. Education initiatives have pursued the uptake of free school meals, promoted healthy eating initiatives and the Access Summer School project. Formal education initiatives including the READ project have been further developed.
- 7.3 Consultation events have been undertaken to identify community needs including youth, health and older people's issues. Various fora have been established and are generally well received. Local management groups and issues' groups have been developed to increase community participation and involvement.

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 Chief Officers have been consulted on this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Dundee City Council Report No 706/97
Ardler Area Action Plan 1997-99
Kirkton Area Action Plan 1997-99
Mid Craigie/Linlathen Area Action Plan 1997-99
Maxwelltown/Hilltown Area Action Plan 1997-99

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