

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Arts and Heritage Committee – 19 November 2001**

**REPORT ON: Royal Scottish National Orchestra**

**REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage**

**REPORT NO: 711-2001**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to award a grant to Royal Scottish National Orchestra towards the cost of developing music initiatives in the community.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the Committee authorises the payment of the grant of £18,700.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The grant of £18,700 can be met from the Arts and Heritage Department's 2001/2002 revenue budget.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Royal Scottish National Orchestra makes a significant contribution to the Local Agenda theme "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available for all".

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Particular consideration is given to applications which prioritise or maximise community involvement, generating interaction within specific groups, communities and organisations.

### **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 Royal Scottish National Orchestra will perform a total of nine concerts at the Caird Hall. In addition, there will be a performance at the Caird Hall on Wednesday 28 November on new work commissioned by the orchestra from Graham Fitkin as the culmination of their work in Dundee schools over the past three years as part of the Dundee Music Plus Project.

6.2 Current work in Dundee also includes:

- Community Projects: two visits by RSNO musicians to Ardler Neighbourhood Community Centre; The Mackinnon Centre; Ormiston Community Lounge; Whitfield Activity Complex; Barnardos Family Support Unit and Charleston Community Centre.
- Fitkin Project: the Fitkin Project will involve pupils from Baldrigon Academy, Menzieshill High School, Brackens Primary and Glebelands Primary.
- Scottish Power Schools Prom: over 1600 primary school children attended the Scottish Power Schools Prom concert at the Caird Hall on Thursday 14 June.

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_