

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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REPORT ON: PUBLIC ART DEVELOPMENT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of future arts lottery applications, and new project developments.
- 1.2 To request the Committee's approval for the new public art developments.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To request the Committee's approval of £5,500 spend to initiate and support the development of new public art projects.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 £5,500 is being requested to be allocated to new public art projects and developments, which can be made available from the current £6,000 Planning and Transportation Department 00/01 Revenue Budget (Dundee Public Art).
- 3.2 The £5,500 fund is to be divided up into 5 parts to support 5 initiatives with various project partners.
 - a £1,000 to develop an Arts Lottery bid to assist training for local public artists.
 - b £1,000 to develop a bid to the Arts Lottery and European Regional Development fund to create a public art scheme for the Community Network arteries in the Social Inclusion Partnership areas.
 - c £1,000 for a study for the integration of public art into the development of the Cultural Quarter.
 - d £1,500 towards a public art project that commemorates Dundee's inventors.
 - e £1,000 towards a stone sculpture for the new build housing development at Cowan Street.
- 3.3 The expected leverage overall will be upto £200,000 and include partners such as Scottish Enterprise Tayside, the Robertson Group, with bids to the Arts Lottery and European Development Fund.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The inclusion of the public arts meets a key theme of Dundee 21.
“places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility”.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All public art projects will consider the needs and involve any disadvantaged groups who are likely to be affected by any of the works.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 £1,000 assistance to a £1,500 Scottish Enterprise Tayside fund for the Dundee Public Art Programme to develop an Arts Lottery bid for training local artists in public arts. The aim is to achieve over £100,000 over a three-year period to develop local artist's skills in project management. This training will be carried out on actual commissions and provide support to the artist and their responsibilities within live projects.

Many young public artists have cut their teeth in Dundee and then been successful to gain commissions all over the country and abroad. This has not been without problems. It has always been recognised that there are difficulty's for graduates who are untrained to work in the urban environment with trained professionals such as engineers and architects. In order to bridge the skills gap more thoroughly, the Dundee Public Art Programme are to develop an arts lottery bid to provide new artists with training and awareness support during real projects. The training and awareness will cover project management, presentation skills, shadowing and assisting of more experienced artists in real projects.

- 6.2 £1,000 assistance to develop bid to the Arts Lottery bid and European Regional Development Fund, Intereg 3c for a Public Art project. This project will come under the umbrella of the Paths for All Initiative and aimed at achieving upto £100,000 for the Community network arteries in the Social Inclusion Partnerships areas. The fund will compliment the £7,500 SET contribution already approved to develop the public art for the Paths for All Initiative. The bid development is to be carried out by the Dundee Public Art Programme.
- 6.3 The Cultural Quarter study report by EDAW (Consultants) proposes public art as a complimentary element. A study to identify potential opportunities is needed. It is recommended that the Council contribute £1,000 to assist the development of study by the Dundee Public Art Programme, for the integration public art into the development of the Cultural Quarter.
- 6.4 A proposal has been made to celebrate all of Dundee's inventors in cast iron relief panels that will be notated with an inventor and his or her discovery in imagery and text. The panels are to be installed in the pavement along the High Street and known as “Discovery Walk”. This work will require a start up fund of £1,500 from the Public art budget along with £2,000 from SET to initiate the process of sample designs costing and marketing to gain private sponsorship.

- 6.5 Hillcrest Housing Association has recently completed their new development at Cowan Street. As part of that scheme a small stone sculptural finial as a gateway feature is desired for the entrance into the scheme. It is proposed to allocate £1,000 to add to the £2,000 offered by the Robertson Group who are the main contractors for the site.

7 CONSULTATIONS

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Policy Paper "Facilitating the Arts" Article II agreed by the Planning Committee on 21 November 1994.

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