

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2012/13

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 74-2013

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2012/13 and makes recommendations for grants.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report makes allocations from the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund which was approved at Policy and Resources Committee of 7 December 2009. An allocation of £125,000 was available to each of the Community Regeneration Forums in the city for each of the three years from 2010/11. The budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in paragraph 5.1.

3.2 Grants of £103,811 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2009 approved Report No 58-2010 which set out arrangements for the mainstreaming of the Fairer Scotland Fund. This included the commitment to continue to make funding available to community regeneration forums to support local regeneration activity.

4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.

4.3 Report No 84-2010 on 22 February 2010 approved the arrangements for making allocations for the six wards with data zones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These are Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine.

4.4 Each forum had an annual allocation of £125,000 for each of the three years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.

4.5 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Report No 743-2004). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.

4.6 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2011/12.

Dundee Partnership Fund 2012-13

Local Forum	Total Allocation (inc. 2011/12 carry forward)	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£125,000	£0	£0
East End	£125,000	£124,889	£0	£111
Lochee	£161,424	£88,711	£72,713	£0
Maryfield	£137,026	£137,026	£0	£0
North East	£136,816	£136,816	£0	£0
Strathmartine	£165,156	£132,273	£31,098	£1,785
Total	£850,422	£744,715	£103,811	£1,896

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £103,811.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report and is available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>.

- 6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2008 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2004, Report No 743-2004.
- 8.2 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2009, Report No 591-2009.

8.3 Equality Impact Assessment Report.

8.4 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, June 2012, Report No 225-2012

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
LP008	Environment Department	Lochee	To enhance the range of play equipment, safety surfacing, seating and landscaping in the South Road Park complementing the MUGA and providing for much younger children	£90,000	£72,713	£72,713
SP006	St Andrews RC Primary School Nursery	Strathmartine	To fund the purchase and fitting of outdoor physical play equipment for use by approximately 60 young children attending the nursery.	£4,154	£3,945	£3,323
SP013	City Development	Strathmartine	To install three white lighting columns in St Giles Terrace, improving local community safety.	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000
SP014	Environment Department	Strathmartine	To improve public amenities within Caird park, including seating, information boards and signage.	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
SP015	Environment Department	Strathmartine	To improve public amenities at Clatto Park, including signage and seating, and to improve access to woodland areas within the park.	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
SP016	The Attic	Strathmartine	To create an outdoor gardening/learning project in a currently disused, unkempt space. This will then be used by approximately 200 people over the course of each year.	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000

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SP017	St Mary's Community Facility	Strathmartine	To improve the centres outside space by installing seating and raised planters. This will encourage a range of outdoor activities around the Facility.	£3,700	£3,700	£3,700
SP018	City Development	Strathmartine	To remove dangerous and vandalised steps between Ashmore Street and Craigmore Street and grass over the area, improving local community safety.	£4,895	£4,895	£4,895
S033	Kirkton Digital Photography Group	Strathmartine	To purchase two large screen monitors for use by group members, enhancing the ability to manipulate digital images. The group currently has 14 members.	£180	£180	£180