

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 FEBRUARY 2010**

**REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010**

**REPORT BY: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT NO: 81-2010**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 As a result of underspends accumulated over years 1 and 2 of the Fairer Scotland Fund programme, an additional allocation of £80,000 has been made to Forums.

3.3 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.4 Grants of £49,851 are recommended in this report.

**4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

<b>2008/9 (£m)</b>	<b>2009/10 (£m)</b>	<b>2010/11* (£m)</b>
8.441	8.286	8.131

\* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in

driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

## 5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	<b>CRA 1</b>	<b>CRA 2</b>	<b>CRA 3</b>	<b>CRA 4</b>	<b>CRA 5</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Devolved Allocation	£263,509	£312,995	£289,385	£294,051	£292,670	£1,452,610
Previously Allocated	£181,984	£225,575	£209,385	£204,130	£212,670	£1,033,744
Current Proposals	£21,525	£4,755	£23,571	£0	£0	£49,851
Still Available	£60,000	£82,665	£56,429	£89,921	£80,000	£369,015

- 5.2 Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2009, agreed that a further £80,000 be available to each of the Forums to allocate by the end of March 2010. These additional allocations are included in the amended table in 5.1 above.
- 5.3 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £49,851 from local budgets.
- 5.4 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:
  - CRA1 Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
  - CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
  - CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
  - CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
  - CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.
- 6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

**7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.
- 7.2 Partnership 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 REPORTS**

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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Fairer Scotland Fund - 2009/2010

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW049	Kirkton Sheltered Housing	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To purchase a computer to teach elderly residents and visitors the basic skills of computing.	£644	£644	£644
SG/NW050	St Mary's Youth Group (Dundee West Youth Work Team)  <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To buy resources for the St Mary's Youth Group operating out of St Mary's Community Facility.	£280	£280	£280
SG/NW051	SSHA Sheltered Housing No.10 Turnberry Avenue	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To enable bus hire for elderly people to participate in an excursion contributing to health and wellbeing.	£440	£280	£280
SG/NW052	St Mary's Community Facility	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To buy a floor buffer for the St Mary's Community Facility.	£461	£321	£321
PEI/NW009	Sanctuary Housing Dalmahoy Footpath	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Upgrade and provide safer roads and footpaths for residents and visitors in Dalmahoy Drive, Ardler.	£40,000	£20,000	£20,000

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SG/W041	Ancrum Plus	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	For Ancrum Plus to observe international Women's Day by hosting the 4th Annual free event for the Lochee Community.	£850	£650	£325
SG/W042	Menzieshill Out of School Care Club	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To replace old games, toys and equipment that are used in the club by children that attend from 3 primary schools.	£2,000	£1,000	£500
SG/W043	Stepping Stones	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide crèche and refreshments for Stepping Stones	£606	£606	£385
SG/W044	Kirk Street Sheltered Housing	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide activities for tenants and visitors including crafts, aromatherapy, line dancing & exercise classes.	£1,400	£1,400	£1,400
SG/W045	Discovering Degrees for Schools	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	For payment of student ambassadors who will take part in interactive & motivational campus activities aimed at increasing higher education participating of school pupils in the area.	£300	£300	£300
SG/W047	Lochee Scrabble Group	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To purchase new Scrabble boards and Scrabble dictionaries.	£295	£295	£295

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SG/W048	Lochee Parish Church	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Funding required for initial set up cost of community cafe.	£452	£452	£452
SG/W049	Charleston Community Centre & Library  <b>Leisure &amp; Communities</b>	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To celebrate International Women's Day with a variety of activities and events for women in Charleston.	£520	£520	£260
SG/W050	The Hub Youth Club	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide equipment and games for the Monday Evening Youth Club.	£1,953	£453	£453
SG/W051	Dundee West Youth Team	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To purchase resources for young people to promote access to information on positive lifestyle choices and sign post them to local youth provision.	£2,000	£2,000	£385
PEI/NE017	Orchard Court Footpaths  <b>City Development</b>	MillO Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Funds for the improvement of paths at Orchard Court.	£43,571	£23,571	£23,571