

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
9 DECEMBER 2002**

REPORT ON: LOTTERY FUNDING – THE FAIR SHARE INITIATIVE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Committee of a special allocation of Lottery Funding to Dundee, and to identify a targeted neighbourhood.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

2.1 note the requirement for a joint bid to be submitted from the City Council and Dundee Voluntary Action (DVA).

2.2 agree the key elements of the bid.

2.3 agree that the selected neighbourhood be Charleston and to make the appropriate recommendation to the Dundee Partnership.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Report identifies the monies to be allocated from the Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund. The City Council costs are contained within the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department's revenue and capital budgets.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The initiative's key work areas will improve access to skills and information and, therefore, help to achieve the Council's vision of a City of secure and healthy communities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The capacity building focus of this initiative will make a significant contribution towards equalling opportunities and promoting social inclusion.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 In March 2002 the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport launched a Fair Share Initiative.

6.2 Through the initiative the New Opportunities Fund and the Community Fund will target a total of £22.215 million in Scotland to support projects in disadvantaged areas, including areas that have so far received less than their fair share of proceeds from the National Lottery.

6.3 Dundee has been designated as one of the six fair share areas and a minimum of £700,000 is to be available to fund projects within the City.

6.4 The funds are to be made available for work in one specific geographic community.

7.0 THE FUNDS

- 7.1 The Community Fund allocation will amount to £150,000 and will be available to bids from the voluntary and community sectors at £50,000 pa over three years.
- 7.2 The New Opportunities Fund allocation will be at least £550,000 available to a wider constituency over a maximum of five years.

8.0 FUNDING CRITERIA

- 8.1 Funds will be awarded for works which will:
- build community capacity
 - build social capital
 - improve local environments
 - develop community involvement.
- 8.2 Consideration will also be given to a strategic dimension which will take into account a project's ability to:
- complement ongoing initiatives and regeneration activities
 - lever in other sources of funding
 - support statutory, voluntary or private bodies.

9.0 SELECTION OF COMMUNITY

- 9.1 A meeting was called by the Scottish Operations Manager of the Community Fund and attended by representatives of New Opportunities Fund (NOF), Dundee Voluntary Action (DVA) and the City Council.
- 9.2 It was made clear that the distribution of Fair Share funding would not be thematic, but be geographically based.
- 9.3 It was also stipulated that the bid should represent a joint and agreed approach from the voluntary sector and City Council.
- 9.4 It was agreed that the Dundee Partnership was the most appropriate forum at which to decide the local area to be targeted.
- 9.5 At subsequent meetings between the City Council and DVA the Charleston area was proposed as the most appropriate neighbourhood.
- 9.6 It should be noted that the Community Fund and New Opportunities Fund will make the final decision on the identification of the targeted area.

10.0 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AREA

- 10.1 Dundee Voluntary Action expressed a preference that the area should not hold Social Inclusion Partnership 1 status.
- 10.2 The guidance received from the funders asked that the area should be:
- an identifiable community
 - underfunded from Lottery sources
 - an area of deprivation
 - able to demonstrate strategic linkages and/or possibilities
 - able to demonstrate that funds would complement ongoing initiatives
 - able to lever in other sources of funding.
- 10.3 A range of neighbourhoods were examined with Charleston being finally proposed as being best fit to the guidance.

10.4 In particular it was noted that in Charleston:

- an initial framework of activity was in place.
- the Charleston Neighbourhood Resources and Development property was the only plant that had not received capital investment since 1996.
- the Centre, along with Ardler Complex, was the only local management group to hold a 25 year lease.
- initial approaches have already been made to the Community Fund and the European Regional Development Fund for support.
- a successful bid for £100,000 to the Scottish Executive's Capital Grants Scheme had already been made.
- plans and drawings are already in place for a major upgrade.
- good relationships exist with local voluntary groups, schools and local churches.
- initial groundwork had been completed which would provide a sound launch pad for capacity building and enterprise promotion development.

11.0 PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

11.1 Given the criteria identified above it is anticipated that the initiative would produce outcomes related to:

- Literacy and numeracy skills
- Interpersonal relationships work
- ICT training
- Decision making and problem solving skills
- Communication skills
- Organisational skills

11.2 The development of local enterprise would be encouraged as a way of demonstrating increased confidence and capacity.

11.3 All activity would be negotiated with local adults and young people.

12.0 CONSULTATION

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Directors of Corporate Planning, Finance, Support Services, and Dundee Voluntary Action.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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