

**REPORT TO:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2020

**REPORT ON:** DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUNDING FOR 2020/21

**REPORT BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**REPORT NO:** 96-2020

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To propose the funding allocation to the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund (DPCRf) for financial year 2020/21.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee agrees:
- a) to reduce the total Revenue funding from £536,161 to £482,226
  - b) that funding is informed by the 15% most deprived data zones identified in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 (SIMD 2020) as set out in Appendix 1.
  - c) an additional £100,000 per annum capital allocation has been made available in the current 5 year capital plan to undertake further participatory budgeting processes with a further £1m identified in later years.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 A total allocation of £813,000 be made from Capital and Revenue to Chief Executive's services budgets in 2020/21, with at least £330,774 of this allocated to capital projects. This results in a saving of £54,000.
- 3.2 There is an additional capital allocation of £100,000 per annum with a further £1m identified in later years.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Community Regeneration Forums were first established in September 2004 to respond to the Scottish Government's Closing the Gap agenda. Since 2010, the Dundee Partnership has continued its commitment to supporting Community Regeneration Forums by providing funding to each Forum initially for three years until 2013 and since then on an annual basis.
- 4.2 Community Regeneration Forums are in place in six of Dundee's eight Wards; Collieston, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine. The Forums' links with Local Community Planning Partnerships have been strengthened through the Dundee Partnership agreeing to allocate funding to Community Regeneration Forums. This is then allocated in close liaison with Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPs). Funding has been directed towards three priority areas: physical improvements, youth inclusion activity and small grants to local groups.
- 4.3 The role of the Forums has been widely recognised and they are central to the infrastructure of Community Planning, Decentralisation and Community Engagement. Accordingly this has been reflected in Dundee Partnership's commitment to their continuing key role.

- 4.4 Projects supported through this funding touch on every aspect of life in our communities. They support many social and community activities to promote inclusion and community wellbeing and spirit alongside physical improvements to neighbourhoods that have been identified by local people.

## 5 FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR 2020/21

- 5.1 Given the ongoing financial pressures the Council faces trying to achieve a balanced budget for 2020/21, funding of a more discretionary nature has been reviewed. This has resulted in a proposal to reduce the revenue budget for the Community Regeneration Fund.
- 5.2 As a result of this change, there is an opportunity to take into account the current levels of deprivation experienced in each ward to determine any savings and allocation to each ward. This was last fully undertaken in 2012 and any subsequent amendments have been based on each ward's share of the data zones ranked in the highest 15% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- 5.3 The latest Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 (SIMD 2020) was published in January 2020 and the recalculation of the funding has been informed by each ward's share of the data zones ranked in the highest 15%. A weighting was applied to take account of the increasing severity of deprivation present in individual datazones (5% highest x 3; 10% highest x 2; 15% highest x 1). The table below shows the number of datazones in each category in each ward and the weighted scores.

### Number of Datazones within 5/10/15% within each Dundee Ward/LCPP and Overall Score based on Greatest Levels of Deprivation

	5%	10%	15%	Total Score
Coldside	4	5	3	25
East End	7	2	2	27
Lochee	4	7	0	26
Maryfield	0	2	5	9
North East	4	4	0	20
Strathmartine	3	1	5	16
The Ferry	0	0	0	0
West End	0	0	0	0

- 5.4 This redistribution impacts on all wards and measures are being taken to ameliorate the short term impact predominantly by phasing changes over two years with the exception of the Lochee ward which currently receives the highest level of funding in the city. While The Ferry and West End wards have no data zones ranked in the highest 15% wholly within them, it remains important to acknowledge that there will be individuals and families affected by aspects of poverty. In support of local community planning in these wards, it is proposed, therefore, that both wards continue to receive an allocation of £10,000 to be directed towards the causes and consequences of deprivation locally.
- 5.5 The proposed allocations based on these considerations is shown in Appendix 1. Where these changes result in reductions, this will inevitably present some challenges to the affected Community Regeneration Forums (CR Forums) and Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs). To support them in this process, a number of measures are being arranged including:

- Combining Small Grants & Youth Inclusion allocations to simplify process for Forums and applicants
- Organising a Meet the Funder event for applicants and local organisations to raise awareness other funding sources available e.g. Big Lottery Awards for All
- Promoting Funder Finder (an online funding resource) with support from Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action.
- Providing training and support sessions for local groups and organisations on how to make the best applications to other funders like Awards for All
- Offering support from the Community Learning Team to help groups to apply for future funding independently from alternative sources.

5.6 Where this saving reduces the funding available to local groups and organisations directly from Community Regeneration Forums in wards, officers are also developing a number of measures to ensure that funding is directed to the most relevant local community regeneration activity and to increase the overall value of funding secured by community groups and organisations. These can;

- Disallow applications from schools as they now have access to funds like PEF (Pupil Equity Funding)
- Strictly apply a reserves policy to ensure that groups and organisations who have sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the cost of the activity do not have access to funding
- Encourage applicants to apply to other funders prior to applying for DPCRF monies to ensure that the total value of grants received by groups in Dundee increases.
- Introduce a scoring aspect to the assessment process that will show the relative alignment with Community Regeneration and local community plan priorities

5.7 It is also proposed that officers discuss a range of further options with Community Regeneration Forum members with the aim of reaching agreement over which additional changes could be implemented during 2021/22. These may also consider issues such as match funding, alternative sources and minimum/maximum limits for grants.

## **6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is attached to this report.

6.2 While the total overall budget available is reducing and will have a negative impact, additional funding is being targeted to wards with higher levels of deprivation in Coldside, East End and North East. The reductions will be in The Ferry and West End (where there are no datazones in the 15% highest in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020), and in Lochee, Strathmartine and Maryfield (where current allocations are higher than the level and share of deprivation across the city).

6.3 Despite the saving proposed, this report continues to allocate £813,000 to empower local people to fund social and community activities to promote inclusion and community wellbeing and spirit, alongside significant physical improvements that have been identified by local people.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS FOR 2020/21**

Ward	Capital	Revenue	Increase / Reduction	Total Allocation
Coldside	£58,605	£81,895	+£15,500	£140,500
East End	£63,402	£88,598	+£15,500	£152,000
Lochee	£69,659	£97,341	-£23,462	£167,000
Maryfield	£38,583	£53,917	-£32,500	£92,500
North East	£52,974	£74,026	+£2,000	£127,000
Strathmartine	£47,551	£66,449	-£11,000	£114,000
The Ferry	£0	£10,000	-£10,000	£10,000
West End	£0	£10,000	-£10,000	£10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£330,774</b>	<b>£482,226</b>	<b>-£53,962</b>	<b>£813,000</b>

**2019/20 ALLOCATIONS**

Ward	Capital	Revenue	Total Allocation
Coldside	£50,000	£75,000	£125,000
East End	£54,589	£81,884	£136,473
Lochee	£76,185	£114,277	£190,462
Maryfield	£50,000	£75,000	£125,000
North East	£50,000	£75,000	£125,000
Strathmartine	£50,000	£75,000	£125,000
The Ferry	£0	£20,000	£20,000
West End	£0	£20,000	£20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£330,774</b>	<b>£536,161</b>	<b>£866,935</b>

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**Document Description:**

Document sets out proposals for the continuation of the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund (DPCRf) that allow for necessary budget savings to be made whilst attempting to mitigate for impact on progress on Community Regeneration in our most deprived neighbourhoods.

**Intended Outcome:**

To provide a range of options for the DPCRf to Committee that contribute to necessary budget savings whilst minimising impact on activities taking place in our most deprived communities (namely those identified in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation as being in the most deprived 15% across Scotland).

DPCRf funding will continue to empower local people from our most deprived areas in their support of social and community activities that promote inclusion and promote community wellbeing, spirit and resilience. Significant physical and environmental improvements identified by community members are also able to be developed with this funding.

**How will the proposal be monitored?:**

The Dundee Partnership Team will lead on any of the proposals that are implemented, as they oversee the administration of the DPCRf monies. Records will be kept of all applications to the fund, along with assessment of these and decisions reached on them. Decisions are ratified on a monthly basis at the Building Stronger Communities Group.

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## **A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

<b>Age:</b>	Negative
<b>Disability:</b>	No Impact
<b>Gender Reassignment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership:</b>	No Impact
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Religion or Belief:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sex:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	No Impact

### **Equality and diversity Implications:**

The DPCRf is open to provide support to everyone in our most deprived communities. Proposals include reducing the availability of the fund to schools which may have a negative impact on young people

### **Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Whilst access to the Revenue funding available through DPCRf will be disallowed, it is proposed that schools (or parent councils) can still apply to DPCRf for Capital projects, and that sports and physical activity provided by Leisure & Culture Dundee is still eligible for Revenue funding.

In 2018-19, Revenue funding to schools totalled £21,791. The Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) is available in variable amounts in all schools across the city, with more available within schools servicing pupils from our more deprived areas. Applications that have previously been submitted to the DPCRf are on the whole eligible for support from the PEF and this is suggested as an alternate source of funds for 2020-21 onwards.

### **Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No**

The DPCRf is open to provide support to everyone in our most deprived communities. Proposals include reducing the availability of the fund to school-based activities which will have a negative impact on young people

## **B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:**

### **Geography**

<b>Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):</b>	Negative
<b>Lochee (Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):</b>	Negative
<b>Coldside (Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):</b>	Positive
<b>Maryfield (Stobswell and City Centre):</b>	Negative
<b>North East (Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):</b>	Positive
<b>East End (Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):</b>	Positive
<b>The Ferry:</b>	Negative
<b>West End:</b>	Negative

**Household Group**

<b>Lone Parent Families:</b>	Negative
<b>Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:</b>	Negative
<b>Pensioners - Single/Couple:</b>	No Impact
<b>Single female households with children:</b>	Negative
<b>Unskilled workers or unemployed:</b>	No Impact
<b>Serious and enduring mental health problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Homeless:</b>	No Impact
<b>Drug and/or alcohol problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Offenders and Ex-offenders:</b>	No Impact
<b>Looked after children and care leavers:</b>	No Impact
<b>Carers:</b>	No Impact

**Significant Impact**

<b>Employment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Education and Skills:</b>	No Impact
<b>Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:</b>	No Impact
<b>Childcare:</b>	No Impact
<b>Affordability and Accessibility of services:</b>	Negative

**Fairness and Poverty Implications:**

Geography - A phased reduction of the overall level of funds available to DPCRf over 2 years will impact across the city. The proposed split of the funding across the city involves reduction of funding to The Ferry and West End wards and an equitable redistribution of funds based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020. This leads to a reduction in funding for five wards (including The Ferry and West End) and an increase in available funding in three wards (Coldside, East End and North East).

Lone Parents, single female households with children and households with a greater number of children and/or young children, are all likely to be negatively affected by changes in availability of funding for school based activity. Affordability and accessibility of services will be impacted on as there will be less funding available from DPCRf to support services. Some may cease to be delivered, while others may need to introduce or increase their fees.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

The reduction in funding available to the most deprived areas of the city i.e. those within the 15% most deprived according to the SIMD 2020, will be ameliorated by reduction of funding by £10,000 per annum to each of The Ferry and West End wards. Neither of those two wards would have been eligible for CRF based on the underlying criteria when set up. Some funding will be continued in these wards, however, to support our commitment to local community planning and tackle poverty. This proposed redistribution of available funding based on relative deprivation levels phased over two years will contribute to minimising the impact on citizens experiencing higher incidence of poverty and deprivation, and as mentioned above, lead to an increase in DPCRf funding to three wards.

Efforts will be made through the Community Regeneration Team and Dundee Partnership Team to encourage potential DPCRf applicants to source funds from external sources such as Awards for All (Big Lottery funding), charitable trusts, etc. Training support and a meet the funders event will support communities and groups in accessing funds. Overall it is anticipated that the additional funds that could be brought into the city will not only offset the reduction in DPCRf but also bring about increased community capacity in terms of skills around making funding applications.

The Dundee Partnership Team will introduce a new scoring mechanism for all applications in 2020-21 which will highlight to Community Regeneration Forums how well each application fits with regeneration priorities. In the year of its introduction this is proposed to be simply for guidance, but discussions with

Community Regeneration Forums during the year will include whether to introduce a minimum score that applications must meet in order to be eligible for consideration of an award.

Funding will remain available for youth and family based activities that take place outside of schools e.g. youth clubs at community centres, family trips organised by Third Sector organisations, etc. and for sporting activities delivered through Leisure & Culture Dundee that are held at schools.

The Dundee Partnership Team will put additional effort into identifying where organisations have sufficient reserves to be able to fund / part fund the activities they are seeking support for in order to enable the remaining DPCRf allocation to go further. The team will also engage with Community Regeneration Forum members on a range of additional mitigation measures that could be put into place for 2021-22.

## **C. Environmental Impacts**

### **Climate Change**

**Mitigating greenhouse gases:** No Impact  
**Adapting to the effects of climate change:** No Impact

### **Resource Use**

**Energy efficiency and consumption:** No Impact  
**Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:** No Impact  
**Sustainable Procurement:** No Impact

### **Transport**

**Accessible transport provision:** No Impact  
**Sustainable modes of transport:** No Impact

### **Natural Environment**

**Air, land and water quality:** No Impact  
**Biodiversity:** No Impact  
**Open and green spaces:** Positive

### **Built Environment**

**Built Heritage:** Positive  
**Housing:** Positive

### **Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment?**

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:** None

**Environmental Implications:** None

## **D. Corporate Risk Impacts**

### **Corporate Risk Implications:**

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

**Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions:** None