

6 ESTABLISHMENT OF WHITFIELD DEVELOPMENT GROUP AS A RECOGNISED NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE (AN140-2008)

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee of 11th November, 2002, whereby the criteria for the Establishment of Community Councils and Recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structures was set out.

An application has been submitted by Whitfield Development Group, outlining the areas whereby criteria had been satisfied:-

- (i) Whitfield Development Group is constituted and has named office bearers.
- (ii) The geographic area covered by Whitfield Development Group is defined by the area bounded by Longhaugh/Duntrune Roads to the West, the Dundee/Angus boundary to the North, the Kellas (B978)/Baldovie Roads to the East and the Dighty Burn to the South.
- (iii) Membership of Whitfield Development Group is open to all persons aged 16 and over living in the stated area. Residents under this age can be represented at the Partnership, but will not have voting rights.
- (iv) Whitfield Development Group has an Executive Committee of 13 members. They were elected at the Whitfield Development Group's inaugural meeting on Wednesday, 12th September, 2007. All members will serve their office until the next AGM which will be held no later than 15 months from 12th September, 2007.
- (v) Whitfield Development Group has a community engagement strategy that identifies a number of methods for seeking the views of the local community and involving constituents in the work of the organisation.
- (vi) Whitfield Development Group's constitution commits the organisation to practising equal opportunities and operating in a way which is consistent with accepted standards of public behaviour.
- (vii) Whitfield Development Group will comply with the requirements of Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance on "Following the Public Pound".

In satisfying the formal criteria for recognition as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure, Whitfield Development Group will qualify for access to grant aid, support, information and consultation from all Council departments, along similar lines to that afforded to properly constituted and recognised Community Councils.

The Committee is asked to approve Whitfield Development Group as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure with the same level of recognitions applied to Community Councils.