

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 21 March 2005**

**REPORT ON: Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) – Revenue Support 2005-2006**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts**

**REPORT NO: 105-2005**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) for the year 2005-2006.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £28,704.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The funding recommended, as shown in the Budget at Appendix 1, is £28,704, which sum is provided for in the Leisure and Arts Department's Revenue Budget for 2005-2006.

3.2 A separate annual grant of £15,000.00 was approved at the Policy and Resources Committee on 14 December 1998 to replace a proposed endowment fund, which will be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's Revenue Budget 2005-2006.

3.3 The terms and conditions of grant will be contained within a Funding Agreement 2005-2006, between Dundee City Council and Sensation (Dundee Science Centre).

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The renewal of revenue funding to Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) will ensure the continued provision of a popular educational visitor attraction, that local needs are met locally, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Sensation's principal activity is the provision of education, presentation and research in the fields of life sciences and other applications of science and to make them accessible to the general public. There is full disabled access throughout.

5.2 The Funding Agreement 2005-2006 will contain requirements that Sensation practises equal opportunities policies in respect of its dealings with its public and staff.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 Dundee Science Centre "Sensation", opened in July 2000 with capital funding support from the Millennium Commission, Wellcome Trust, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, the Gannochy Trust, Dundee City Council, the European Regional Development Fund and the private sector. The centre is a registered charity. It offers hands-on experience of scientific phenomena and helps people to increase their knowledge and understanding of the physical universe. It is the UK's only Science Centre devoted to the five senses and was named the "Scottish Family Attraction of the Year" in 2003 by the Good Britain Guide.
- 6.2 The centre's educational activities include science clubs, evening lectures, talks and events aimed at children and adults. The Education Team provide information and education packs on 14 topics suited to environmental studies for 5-14 age groups based around the centre's 65 exhibits relating to light, sound, position, touch, heat, taste and smell.
- 6.3 Sensation has a number of investments planned for 2005. The centre will launch a new 3D film at Easter and has booked the BBC "Walking with Beasts" exhibition for Summer 2005. The centre is also developing a major permanent robotics exhibition which will be the only one of its kind in Scotland.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None

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**Sensation (Dundee Science Centre)****Appendix 1**

	Out-turn Jan-Dec 2004, based on 74,000 visitors	Projected Jan-Dec 2005, based on 71,000 visitors
<b>Income</b>	£	£
Visitor Revenue	384,370	430,633
Car Parks	135,204	144,000
Trust Income	12,500	---
DCC Revenue	28,350	28,704
DCC Endowment	15,000	15,000
Other Funding / Donations	41,112	101,327
<b>Total</b>	<b>616,536</b>	<b>719,664</b>
<b>Staff costs and operating costs</b>	<b>616,536</b>	<b>719,664</b>