

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

Report To: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 20 February 2006

Report On: Scottish Dance Theatre, Revenue Support 2006-2007

Report By: Director of Leisure and Communities

Report No. 118-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Scottish Dance Theatre, 2006-2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £22,759, as set out in the Report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding recommended is £22,759, which sum is provided for in the Department's Revenue Budget for 2006-2007.

3.2 The terms and conditions of grant will be contained within a Funding Agreement 2006-2007, between Dundee City Council and Scottish Dance Theatre.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The renewal of revenue funding to Scottish Dance Theatre will ensure that dance of national importance and international significance remains based in the city, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Scottish Dance Theatre include as their mission "to build a future for the company and for contemporary dance in Scotland and to secure its place at the heart of the community" within the vision of creating original contemporary dance works, building audiences and increasing understanding and appreciation of dance, and developing artistic research and collaboration.

5.2 Through direct participation, and as audiences at Scottish Dance Theatre performances and events, local people have access to the very best of contemporary dance in the city.

5.3 The Funding Agreement 2006-2007 will contain requirements that Scottish Dance Theatre practises equal opportunities policies in respect of its dealings with its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Scottish Dance Theatre has largely achieved its business targets for 2005-2006. The company has exceeded its targets for education work in Dundee, Scotland and outwith Scotland. The company toured in Spring and Autumn 2005 and the Spring 2006 tour

commences in Dundee at the beginning of February, including the first collaborative work with Dundee Rep Theatre, Monkey, a family show involving Scottish Dance Theatre dancers and the Rep Ensemble of actors and which plays in Dundee in May and then tours to other major Scottish venues.

- 6.2 In 2005 Scottish Dance Theatre performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and also premiered a work by Rui Horta in Portugal. Scottish Dance Theatre won a Herald Angel Award at the Edinburgh Fringe 2005. There will be performances in Groningen in Holland in March 2006. The company has performed at large scale venues in Scotland, including Tramway, Glasgow Theatre, Edinburgh Festival Theatre and in Aberdeen. In the course of the year Scottish Dance Theatre has performed at Dundee Rep (6), The Space at Dundee College (2), Glenrothes, Edinburgh Fringe (11), Stirling (2), Musselburgh, St Andrews, Hamilton, Galashiels, Mold (2), London (4), Keswick, Winchester, Strontian, Ullapool, Fortrose, Ardrishaig, Newbury, Leeds, Birmingham (2), Frome Festival (2). The company has undertaken a week long professional skills development residency at Edinburgh's Dance Base during the year and a week long residency with the students of the Scottish School of Contemporary Dance at Dundee College.
- 6.3 During 2005-2006 Scottish Dance Theatre worked with the Dundee Dance Partnership to organise a performance, Celebration, which brought together local dance groups, Scottish Dance Theatre dancers and Scottish School of Contemporary Dance students. Scottish Dance Theatre Dance Education Worker concluded a highly successful project started in 2004-05 in Braeview High School, working with S3 and S4 girls. Scottish Dance Theatre ran a well attended and successful summer school in 2005 in collaboration with Dundee Rep's Education and Community Team.
- 6.4 During 2005-2006 Scottish Dance Theatre maintained 10 dancers, and offered a 6 month apprenticeship to a Scottish dancer and two 12 week apprenticeships. In 2005-2006 the company sustained 18.5 full-time equivalent jobs in the city.
- 6.5 In 2006-2007 Scottish Dance Theatre plans to offer over 4000 places in education work in Scotland, undertake 57 performances in Scotland and 15 outwith Scotland to a total target audience of 12000. The company is undertaking a collaborative dance/theatre work with Dundee Rep Theatre for a family audience in May 2006. The company will perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and at the Fetes De Geneve in August 2006.

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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**Scottish Dance Theatre
(Appendix 1)**

	Projected Out- turn 2005-2006	Projected Budget 2006-2007
Expenditure	£	£
Staff costs, production costs, marketing costs, Lottery projects, general overheads	692,891	733,030
Income		
Box Office, Foreign Touring profit, Trusts/Sponsors, Interest, Miscellaneous, Dance Festival, Lottery Projects	99,800	129,453
Grants		
SAC Annual	515,000	528,339
SAC Project	27,835	25,500
Dundee City Council	22,478	22,759
Education Work	3,000	3,000
Angus Council	---	2,000
Workshops, Residencies, Dundee Dance Partnership	15,533	21,800
Total Income	683,646	732,851
Net Expenditure	(9,245)	(179)
Surplus brought forward	11,923	2,678
Surplus carried forward	2,678	2,499