

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

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

Report On: Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd. Revenue Support 2006-2007

Report By: Director of Leisure and Communities

Report No: 122-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd for the year 2006-2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £260,390 as set out in the Report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The service charge for the provision of core activities in 2006-2007 amounts to £113,525 and will be contained in a formal management agreement. The funding required in 2006-2007 for previously approved services transferred to Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd amounts to £146,865. Allowance has been made for the foregoing expenditure totalling £260,390 in the Department's 2006-2007 Revenue Budget.

3.2 The terms and conditions of these payments will be contained within a Management Agreement 2006-2007 between Dundee City Council and Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd offers programmes of exhibitions, events and workshops which are planned to meet the needs of audiences and artists, which ensure 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 Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd aims to make its programme of activities accessible to all sections of the community including visitors with disabilities, the elderly and those with small children.

5.2 The Management Agreement 2006-2007 will contain requirements that Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd practises equal opportunities policies in respect of its dealings with its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 In 2005-2006, the centre is on target for 300,000 visitors. There was also an extensive outreach programme across the city, including the waterfront and Camperdown Park.
- 6.2 During the year the centre continued to show high quality exhibitions by Scottish and International artists. The main highlights of the programme were:
- Our Surroundings, in which artists responded to the Dundee environment, and, as part of which, the new bear house at Camperdown Wildlife Centre was commissioned.
 - Exhibitions involving European partners and artists Matts Leiderstam and David Claerbout were critically well received.
 - Fife-based artist Elizabeth Ogilvie will end the year with an exhibition featuring the use of light and water, to dramatically transform the galleries.
- 6.3 The Community and Education programme ran over 230 workshops and talks for over 4,400 participants leading to 6 exhibitions of the works created. DCA staff also worked with Education Department Cultural Co-ordinators on a variety of projects.
- 6.4 Cinema audiences will hit target for the year at 70,000. Cinema based community and education activity has included outreach projects for formal education groups, workshops in animation, movie-making and editing. The year also saw the second Discovery children's film festival, an event which brought many industry leaders to Dundee to participate in a programme of screenings and events aimed at developing excellence in the provision of cinema for children and young people. Over the period of the festival DCA staff worked with 27 schools and over 2,500 visitors to profile the best of children's cinema from around the world. There was also a successful Want a Shot day which introduced 600 children and their families to the techniques and skills of professional film-making.
- 6.5 The DCA Shop continues to show high quality craftwork from Scotland and beyond, while also providing an opportunity for the people of Dundee to purchase a wide range of arts publications. It also provides an outlet for locally produced artworks in a variety of forms and, with 10 exhibitions by craftworkers during 2005-2006, it further extends the range of work available for audiences in the city.
- 6.6 The Print Studio continues to support the production needs of professional artists alongside those who want to develop their creative skills for the first time. A successful programme of workshops saw 199 people develop their creative skills in printmaking techniques. Works produced by artists using the print studio are exported to international arts fairs.
- 6.7 In addition to maintaining and developing the core programme of screenings and exhibitions, DCA's plans for 2006-2007 include:
- The fourth Kill Your Timid Notion festival of experimental music and visual art in February 2007.
 - The third Discovery children's film festival in September 2006.
- 6.8 The centre continues to be a major factor in the local economy in terms of both economic activity and employment, directly sustaining 74 full-time equivalent jobs.

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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**Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd
(Appendix 1)**

	Projected Out-turn 2005-2006	Projected Budget 2006-2007
Expenditure	£	£
Staff Costs	686,292	704,172
Central Administration	189,779	196,358
Communications	106,000	73,785
Development	1,000	1,000
Exhibitions	308,926	180,782
Cinemas	246,043	259,628
Print Studio	36,375	34,556
Community and Education	42,500	43,500
Shop	55,948	59,890
Special Projects and Events	43,500	50,655
Total	1,716,363	1,604,326
 Trading / Other Income		
Staff Recoveries	37,463	37,931
Central Administration Recoveries	87,151	88,241
Miscellaneous Income	25,500	22,730
Cafe	112,000	114,240
Exhibitions	138,100	49,000
Cinemas	333,300	343,526
Print Studio	59,000	60,900
Community and Education	31,500	31,600
Shop	93,450	98,000
Special Projects and Events	45,500	50,600
Total	962,964	896,768
 Grants / Fees		
Scottish Arts Council Revenue	360,500	369,837
Scottish Arts Council Project	40,000	---
Scottish Screen	51,000	51,000
Dundee City Council	257,175	260,390
University of Dundee	10,000	10,000
ERDF (Marketing)	35,108	26,331
Total	753,783	717,558
 Total Income	 1,716,747	 1,614,326
 Total Expenditure	 1,716,363	 1,604,326
 Surplus	 384	 10,000