

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 MARCH 2010

**REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM
ALLOCATION 2008-2010**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.
- 3.2 As a result of underspends accumulated over years 1 and 2 of the Fairer Scotland Fund programme, an additional allocation of £80,000 has been made to Forums.
- 3.3 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.
- 3.4 Grants of £367,501 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.
- 4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.
- 4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

5. **FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

2009/2010

February	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£263,509	£312,995	£289,385	£294,051	£292,670	£1,452,610
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED	£203,509	£230,330	£232,956	£204,130	£212,670	£1,083,595
TOTAL CURRENT PROPOSALS	£60,000	£82,000	£56,429	£89,921	£79,151	£367,501
Still Available	£0	£665	£0	£0	£849	£1,514

- 5.2 Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2009, agreed that a further £80,000 be available to each of the Forums to allocate by the end of March 2010. These additional allocations are included in the amended table in 5.1 above.
- 5.3 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £367,501 from local budgets.
- 5.4 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

CRA1 Ardlar/St Mary's/Kirkton
 CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
 CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
 CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
 CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.
- 6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.
- 7.2 Partnership agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications, and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

8. **BACKGROUND REPORTS**

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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Fairer Scotland Fund - 2009/2010

No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
PEI/NW010	White Lighting within St Mary's area City Development	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Install white lighting on St Clements Terrace and St Mungo Terrace.	£10,550	£10,550	£10,502
PEI/NW011	Floating Swan Nesting Site Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	This project will create a floating swan nesting site for West Pond at Ardler.	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
PEI/NW012	Craigowl Primary School Garden Project	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Develop an underused area of garden within the school grounds as an educational and environmental asset for the use of the school and its pupils.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
PEI/NW013	Kirkton Community Centre Management Group Indoor Garden	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Develop unused space between the Library and Centre into a garden space which can be appreciated and used by the users of both facilities.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
PEI/NW014	Downfield Primary School - Eco Garden	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To create an Eco garden within the school grounds which will enhance education on environmental issues.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000

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PEI/NW015	Ulverston - Kirkton Youth and Children Play Area Contract Services - Ground Maintenance	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	This project will improve the facilities for youths and children within the southern half of Kirkton.	£13,666	£13,666	£13,666
PEI/NW016	Landscaping at St Kilda Road Contract Services - Ground Maintenance	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	This project will improve the landscaping in the area around the Community Facility at St Kilda Road.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
PEI/NW017	Birkdale Place Community Wood Contract Services - Ground Maintenance	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To relocate fencing to enable access to the woodland area by members of the public.	£12,166	£12,166	£12,166
PEI/NW018	Balgowan Square Benches and Bins Contract Services - Ground Maintenance	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	To install 2 seats and a litter bin within a triangle of plain grass in a public green space.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
PEI/NW019	Ulverston Sheltered Housing Garden Leisure & Communities	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Improve the sheltered housing communal area, by implementing environmental improvements to the planters and planted areas surrounding the residents' accommodation.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000

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PEI/NW020	Ardler Trees Project Contract Services - Ground Maintenance	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	This project will remove and replace the dead trees. There is also an element of costs in the project for maintenance of trees.	£5,666	£5,666	£5,666
PEI/NW021	Beaully Avenue Kirkton CCTV City Development	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	This will contribute towards costs associated with installing a new CCTV camera at Beaully Avenue	£15,400	£5,000	£5,000
PEI/W014	Lochee Mini-recycling Initiatives Waste Management	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To supply additional rubbish/litter bins for shopping precincts serving local shops.	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
PEI/W015	St Mary's Lane Lochee Planning Department	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Lift existing damaged pavement running length of St Mary's Lane and replace with flexible surface i.e. asphalt. Repair cobbled 'sets' on road and upgrade existing pavement edges. Install protective barriers at entrance to Lochee Leisure Centre	£2,350,000	£70,000	£70,000
PEI/W016	MUGA Floodlights Leisure & Communities	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To meet costs of planning consents & design of £6,000 to supplement a previous grant of £10,000.	£21,500	£6,000	£6,000

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PEI/NE018	Dunbar Park Carriageway Improvements City Development	MillO Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	Repair, regenerate and resurface the roadway within the car park at Specklewood, Chalk Hill and Swallowtail Courts (Dunbar Park)	£64,148	£34,148	£34,148
PEI/NE019	Ormiston Play area Phase 1	MillO Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To implement Phase 1 of the play area development at Ormiston Crescent. This will allow the completion of the ground works, the laying of safety surface and the installation of the first piece of play equipment.	£22,281	£22,281	£22,281
PEI/C010	The Clepington Primary School Woodland Garden Project	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	The proposal will provide a safe and secure woodland garden for the Clepington Primary pupils in the grounds in south west corner of the DISC, adjacent to the school boundary. The improvement would provide access to a woodland garden for out door learning and supervised activity, with a path leading to sports pitches for 'sports day' activities.	£42,238	£15,000	£15,000
PEI/C011	The Rosebank Street (south) White Lighting City Development	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Install 9 new lighting columns and lanterns to replace the concrete columns and yellow sodium lanterns. This improvement will provide a well-lit and safer residential street for the primary school pupils, local residents, pedestrians and roads users.	£17,656	£10,000	£10,000

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PEI/C012	The Hilltown Shop Front Project City Development	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Provide grant funding scheme to enable the redesign and installation of attractive new frontages of currently near derelict commercial premises on the Hilltown spine north of the Hilltown Clock.	£160,000	£45,000	£45,000
PEI/C014	Dudhope Park Footpath Lighting City Development	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	The lighting of the footpaths in the park will give users of the park increased safety during access in the evening.	£17,895	£17,895	£10,000
PEI/C015	Stobswell Graffiti	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	The project will target an area of Stobswell for the removal of graffiti and where appropriate the treatment of surfaces with anti graffiti paint. Up to 80 sites will be acted upon.	£13,199	£13,199	£6,065
PEI/C017	Lillybank Terrace Environmental Contract Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	To remove shrub bed down the side of the houses as they are overgrown and full of debris/litter and grass over.	£1,543	£1,543	£1,543

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PEI/C018	Watson Street Environmental Contract Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Remove shrub bed and grass area over, remove part of shrub bed behind small wall, tidy tree bed by thinning out and finally spreading woodchips over tree beds creating mulch.	£915	£915	£915
PEI/C019	Hanging Baskets Contract Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Funding sought for 24 hanging baskets on Albert Street. Costing includes Watering 3 times a week for 3 months.	£1,398	£1,398	£1,398
PEI/SE008	Street works / Road Safety improvements / South East area. City Development / traffic City Development	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To carry out various road safety improvements within the south east area including road markings, bollards and increase safety barriers outside schools.	£8,299	£8,299	£8,299
PEI/SE009	East End, Whitton Park Improvements	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide car parking to users of Whitton park and Claypotts park.	£22,926	£22,926	£22,926
PEI/SE010	South East White Lighting DCC Lighting dept	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To install white lighting in 3 sites in Mid Craigie / Linlathen area.	£41,736	£41,736	£41,736

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PEI/SE011	Balmoral Shops Access City Development	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide delivery access to the rear area of the shops in order to improve pedestrian safety.	£3,600	£3,600	£3,600
PEI/SE012	Dighty Connect	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase equipment and materials for volunteers and to produce activity packs for families to encourage visitors / volunteers.	£2,590	£2,590	£2,590