

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 20 FEBRUARY 2006
REPORT ON: THE DEVELOPMENT OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES
REPORT NO: 146-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This Report seeks approval for the City Architectural Services Officer to obtain offers, tenders or negotiate partnerships and for the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Director of Leisure and Communities to accept these offers/tenders/partnership agreements for the development of St Mary's Community Centre to be located on The Green, St Kilda Road/St Mungo Terrace up to a cost of £660,000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 the City Architectural Services Officer be authorised to obtain offers, tenders or partnership agreements for the development of the St Mary's Community Centre, which will then be reported back to Committee.
- 2.2 the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) provides legal advice in terms of the model of operation and partnership between DCC, ACF and Local Management Group.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure of £660,000 can be met as follows:

ERDF	£166,000	
ACF	£ 110,000	(item 3.2)
CRF 2006/2007	£ 200,000	
Communities Scotland	£ 14,000	
Big Lottery Fund	<u>£ 170,000</u>	(item 3.3)

Total £660,000

- 3.2 The Army Cadet Force (ACF) contribution still requires to be legally confirmed.
- 3.3 The application to the Big Lottery has still to be submitted. However, it has been agreed that the Council will provide a guarantee of £170,000 to allow the project to proceed, on condition that the Big Lottery application will be submitted and the Dundee Partnership consider further funding if underspends or unallocated funds are identified.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Acceptance of this report will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.
- 4.2 The proposed development will address Local Community Plan priorities and the Local Agenda 21 commitment to meeting needs locally.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The total funding package of £660,000 has been sourced from external funding sources to progress the development of St Mary's Community Centre to create a modern community meeting space for the residents of St Mary's. The creation of the building will provide much needed additional capacity enabling new activities and services to be introduced. This will establish the centre's identity as the focal point of the local community, thereby increasing opportunities for local people to play a positive role in the community.
- 6.2 The Committee is asked to note that the proposal is subject to an application for planning permission which has yet to be considered.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services), Directors of Planning & Transportation and Housing. The proposed redevelopment has been the subject of extensive consultation with the Local Management Group and residents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

Signed: **Stewart Murdoch**
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Date: 10 February 2006