

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 19 March 2007

REPORT ON: Scottish Dance Theatre - Revenue Support 2007-2008

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 156-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Scottish Dance Theatre, 2007-2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £23,034.00 as set out in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding recommended is £23,034.00 which sum is provided for in the Leisure and Communities Department's Revenue Budget 2007-2008 and set out in Appendix 1.

3.2 The terms and conditions of Grant will be contained within a funding agreement 2007-2008, between Dundee City Council and Scottish Dance Theatre.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

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.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Scottish Dance Theatre provide services to groups or people who are likely to be poor. They also help to develop personal capacity, interests and opportunities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Scottish Dance Theatre include in their Mission "to build a future for the company and for contemporary dance in Scotland and 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 2007-2008 will contain requirements that Scottish Dance Theatre practices 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 2006-2007. The company has well exceeded its targets for both audience attendances in Dundee and Scotland and for education attendances in Dundee and Scotland. The company took part in the large scale collaborative work with Dundee Rep, Monkey, which toured in Dundee and to three other major Scottish venues in Spring 2006. The Spring Tour 2007 which includes an integrated work featuring four guest dancers with disability, opens in February in Dundee. SDT is hosting the 2007 Peter Darrell Choreographic Awards which involves a new work for SDT and a new work for Scottish Ballet, both to be performed as part of SDT's Spring season at the Rep.
- 6.2 In 2006 Scottish Dance Theatre performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and also toured a small scale duet as part of the Hebrides Ensembles Autumn Tour of 6 Scottish venues, including Dundee. In 2006/07 the company has performed at large scale venues in Scotland, including Tramway (8), Lyceum Theatre (6), His Majesty's Aberdeen (6), Edinburgh Festival Theatre. In the course of the year Scottish Dance Theatre has performed at Dundee Rep (21), The Space at Dundee College, Edinburgh Fringe (6), Stirling (2), The Eastwood Park Theatre, Musselburgh, St Andrews, Swansea, Pitlochry, Ardrishaig, Strontian, Salford (2), Leicester (2), Blackpool Grand Theatre, Newbury Corn Exchange, The Point in Eastleigh. The company performed in Edinburgh (2), Inchbare, Fortrose, Glasgow and Banchory as part of the Hebrides Ensemble tour and at a Festival in Portugal in April 2006. The company has undertaken a week long residency with the students of the Scottish School of Contemporary Dance at Dundee College.
- 6.3 During 2006/07 Scottish Dance Theatre undertook two very successful Scottish Dance Theatre Interactive matinees aimed at young people in Dundee, and also one in Stirling, Giffnock, Glasgow and in Eastleigh. Scottish Dance Theatre undertook a programme of classes and sessions for adults and young people based at Dundee Rep and a programme of workshops in Scotland and outwith Scotland related to the company's performance tour, as well as workshops related to the collaborative work, Monkey. Scottish Dance Theatre's Youth Group, Lucid, performed as part of the Go Young People Dundee event at the Bonar Hall in December 2006. Scottish Dance Theatre was without a Dance Education Manager from July – December 2006 and so did not run a Summer School.
- 6.4 During 2006-2007 Scottish Dance Theatre maintained 10 dancers, one apprentice dancer via the London Contemporary Dance School graduate scheme, and offered a 3 month apprenticeship to a Scottish Dancer, several placements for Scottish students as well as offered places for students and professional dancers to join company class (approximately 200 sessions). In 2006-07 the company sustained 19.5 full-time equivalent jobs in the city adding to the local economy.
- 6.5 In 2007-08 Scottish Dance Theatre plans to offer over 4400 places in education work in Scotland, undertake 33 performances in Scotland and 19 outwith to a total target audience of 11,037. The company will introduce live music in class, increase production budgets, take on a part time Marketing Assistant and Development Manager which will be shared with Dundee Rep. The company is undertaking a performance project involving 4 performers with disability. The company will perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2007.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) 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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Appendix 1

	Projected 2006-2007	Out-turn	Projected Budget 2007-2008
Expenditure		£	£
Staff costs, production costs, marketing costs, Lottery projects, general overheads		774,967	967,840
Income			
Box Office, Foreign Touring profit, Trusts/Sponsors, Interest, Miscellaneous, Dance Festival, Lottery Projects		173,728	111,050
Grants			
SAC Annual		528,339	800,000
SAC Project		34,115	2,000
Dundee City Council		22,759	23,034
Education Work		2,000	7,500
Angus Council		-	2,000
Workshops, Residences, Dundee Dance Partnership		8,800	26,200
Total Income		769,741	971,784
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(5226)</u>	<u>3,944</u>
Surplus brought forward		5839	613
Surplus carried forward		613	4,557