

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 21 APRIL 2014**

**REPORT ON: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURES 2014-2015**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES**

**REPORT NO: 177-2014**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year 2014-2015 to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures in existence or established during the year, and to confirm the formulae for payment.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

Administrative grants are awarded to all Community Councils currently in existence or established during 2014-2015 in accordance with the Council's Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils.

Administrative grants are also awarded to other Neighbourhood Representative Structures which meet the eligibility criteria set out in Committee Report No 725-2002.

Grants are awarded according to the following formulae: a lump sum of £330 per Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure plus 1.2p per resident in each area (see Appendix 1).

Community Councils or Neighbourhood Representative Structures established beyond 1 April 2014 will only be eligible for a grant for the part of the year from their inception.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The value of grants awarded to organisations is £3,590. This along with the cost of grants to any new organisations will be contained within the Communities and Policies Section of the Chief Executives budget for 2014-2015.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

On 25 October 2010, Committee agreed to adopt an amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils which set out the Community Council area boundaries and a Code of Conduct.

The formulae governing the award of administrative grants provides for Community Councils/Neighbourhood Structures to receive a basic lump sum of £330, plus an additional 1.2p per resident. To be eligible for a grant, Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures must first make formal application by submitting audited annual accounts for the period 2013-2014 where appropriate. To qualify for a grant award, the applicant body should have less than twice the amount of their recommended grant in their administrative account as 31 March 2014.

The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are three operational Community Councils: Broughty Ferry, Fintry and West End.

Ardler Village Trust, Kirkton Partnership, Whitfield Development Group, Stobswell Forum and Coldside Forum continue to operate as recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structures, and in so doing fulfil the role of Community Councils for their respective areas.

Local Community Planning Partnerships and Dundee Partnership Community Conference Network have evolved to take on a city-wide strategic networking role.

Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures established after 1 April 2014 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months they are operational between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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**APPENDIX 1****COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS****1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015**

<b>Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Basic Sum (£)</b>	<b>1.2p Per Capita (£)</b>	<b>Grant (£)</b>
Broughty Ferry Community Council	18,439	330	221	551
Fintry Community Council	6,658	330	80	410
West End Community Council	14,565	330	175	505
Ardler Village Trust	2,786	330	33	363
Stobswell Forum	12,445	330	149	479
Kirkton Partnership	7,771	330	93	423
Whitfield Development Group	6,258	330	75	405
Coldside Forum	10,339	330	124	454
<b>Totals</b>				<b>3,590</b>

<b>Community Councils</b>	<b>£1,466</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Representative Structures</b>	<b><u>£2,124</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,590</b>