

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 14 MARCH 2005
REPORT ON: GUIDANCE AND LEARNING – ALLOCATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND RESOURCES (ESF)
REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES
REPORT NO: 179-2005

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Communities Committee is asked to note the approval of European Social Fund monies for the delivery of Adult Guidance and Learning, for the period March 2005 – April 2006.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the allocation of continuation funding of £85,898 for the Learning Around Project from the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme. Any changes to the establishment as a result of this implementation will be presented to the Personnel Committee in due course.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 These proposals can be contained within the Objective 3 Revenue Grant of £85,898.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This project will seek to support initiatives to ensure that all sections of the community are given opportunities to develop their capacity and given guidance and learning support to participate in civic, community and working life.
- 4.2 The report seeks to ensure that the resources are used efficiently to achieve departmental and Council agreed service priorities and ensure a sustainable partnership approach to guidance and learning.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposals will continue to reflect the priorities and commitment of the Council to equal opportunities.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1 In December 2004 the Learning Around, Adult Guidance and Learning project was approved at Policy and Resources Committee, 20 December 2004. The project, funded from the Community Regeneration Fund aims to provide impartial adult guidance to help support the most excluded to take up learning, employment and community involvement opportunities. This funding has been used as a match to secure European Social Fund monies.
- 6.2 This funding will allow the project to continue to operate across a wide geographical area, which includes all ESF eligible postcode areas in Dundee

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Assistant Chief Executive (Management), and the Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report, which is based on recommendations made by the Literacies Sub-Group of the Community Learning Partnership.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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Date: 4 March 2005