

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 JUNE 2012

REPORT ON: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURES 2012-2013

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 190-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 2012 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 Policy section of the Chief Executives Budget for 2012-2013.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

In 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 2011-2012 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 at 31 March 2012.

The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are 3 operational Community Councils: Broughty Ferry, Fintry and West End. The City Centre and Harbour Community Council are in the process of finalising their process of dissolution.

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.

Following consultation with Civic Forum members, it was agreed that Dundee Civic Forum would progress the process of dissolution. The decision was based on the fact that other structures such as Local Community Planning Partnerships and Dundee Partnership Community Conference Network have evolved to take on the role that the Civic Forum was established to develop. Dundee Civic Forum was formally dissolved in March 2012.

Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures established after 1 April 2012 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months they are operational between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013.

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.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Equality Impact Assessment.

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30 May 2012

APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2012 TO 31 MARCH 2013

Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2p Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
Broughty Ferry Community Council	18439	330	221	551
Fintry Community Council	6658	330	80	410
West End Community Council	14565	330	175	505
Ardler Village Trust	2786	330	33	363
Stobswell Forum	12445	330	149	479
Kirkton Partnership	7771	330	93	423
Whitfield Development Group	6258	330	75	405
Coldside Forum	10339	330	124	454
Totals				3,590

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