REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 JANUARY 2013

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2012/13

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**REPORT NO: 20-2013** 

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2012/13 and makes recommendations for grants.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

#### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report makes allocations from the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund which was approved at Policy and Resources Committee of 7 December 2009. An allocation of £125,000 was available to each of the Community Regeneration Forums in the city for each of the three years from 2010/11. The budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in paragraph 5.1.
- 3.2 Grants of £94,103 are recommended in this report.

# 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2009 approved Report No 58-2010 which set out arrangements for the mainstreaming of the Fairer Scotland Fund. This included the commitment to continue to make funding available to community regeneration forums to support local regeneration activity.
- 4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.
- 4.3 Report No 84-2010 on 22 February 2010 approved the arrangements for making allocations for the six wards with data zones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These are Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine.
- 4.4 Each forum had an annual allocation of £125,000 for each of the three years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- 4.5 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Report No 743-2004). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.
- 4.6 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

#### 5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2011/12.

### **Dundee Partnership Fund 2012-13**

Local Forum	Total Allocation (inc. 2011/12 carry forward)	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£88,284	£36,716	£0
East End	£125,000	£92,889	£32,000	£111
Lochee	£161,424	£88,211	£500	£72,713
Maryfield	£137,026	£115,124	£21,902	£0
North East	£136,816	£136,816	£0	£0
Strathmartine	£165,156	£129,288	£2,985	£32,883
Total	£850,422	£650,612	£94,103	£105,707

5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £94,103.

### 6 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report and is available on the Council website <a href="http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/">http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/</a>.

6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2008 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities.

# 7 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

## 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2004, Report No 743-2004.
- 8.2 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2009, Report No 591-2009.
- 8.3 Equality Impact Assessment Report.
- 8.4 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, June 2012, Report No 225-2012

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
C015	43 <sup>rd</sup> Dundee Brownie Pack	Coldside	For the purchase of a unit Flag. The unit has recently increased its numbers from 6 to 20 girls aged between 7-11 years, all from Hilltown area.	£95	£95	£95
CP005	Environment Department	Coldside	To install new children's play equipment in Dudhope Park. Improvements to the play area have been identified as being required through public consultation.	£90,000	£38,000	£36,621
EEP005	Environmental Department	East End	To upgrade / refurbish the sports play area situated at Pitarlie Park, including installation of a Multi-Use Games Area, to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and in use by local young people.	£32,000	£32,000	£32,000
LP007	Menzieshill Community Centre LMG	Lochee	To install a fence around an area to be designated for community gardening in which children in the Out of School Club will have the opportunity to learn about how to grow vegetables supported by adults from the Gardening Group.	£500	£500	£500
MP012	Environment Department	Maryfield	To enable improvements to be carried out at three play areas within Maryfield; Crescent Street, St. Matthews Lane, and Malcolm Street.	£40,000	£30,000	£21,902
SP010	Ardler Primary School	Strathmartine	Contribution towards playground improvements. Funding will enable pitch markings to be set out in the playground which is used by 140 pupils at the school.	£1,752	£585	£585

SP011	St Fergus Primary School	Strathmartine	Contribution towards playground improvements. Funding will enable adventure play equipment to be installed in the infant playground which would be used by 158 pupils at the school.	£10,000	£2,400	£2,400
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