

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 27 APRIL 2009

REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.3 Grants of £74,025 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence

will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£33,227	£0	£48,520	£11,782	£46,234	£139,763
Current Proposals	£16,000	£47,908	£4,502	£5,615	£0	£74,025
Still Available	£134,282	£185,087	£156,363	£196,654	£166,436	£838,822

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £74,025 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
- CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
- CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
- CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
- CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

6. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.

6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

7. **CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.

7.2 Partnership 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 REPORTS**

8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
PEI/NW002	Footway Lighting (Foster Road) Tayside Contracts	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	Kirkton - Footway Lighting between Foster Road and Gilburn Road to improve safety of children travelling to and from school.	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000
SG/W001	Lochee Library Leisure and Communities	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	For children's summer activities e.g. visiting authors for 'team read' award giving, material for crafts and refreshments for children during 'Rhyme Time'.	£700	£700	£700
SG/W002	Menziesshill Nursery School	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Growing of vegetables in the nursery garden and creating healthy recipes using them, leading to the creation and printing of a healthy eating recipe book.	£680	£200	£200

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SG/W003	20th Dundee Girls Brigade	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Girls Brigade weekend away at Glenshee Outdoor Adventure Centre. Girls will pay 50% of the cost.	£5,350	£2,850	£2,850
SG/W004	Burnside Sheltered Lounge, Whortlebank	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Transport costs, entrance fees and meals for a visit to Scottish Parliament and also to provide a 13 week block of aromatherapy sessions for residents.	£1,490	£1,490	£1,490
SG/W005	Smart Moves Dance Group	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To hire the Whitehall Theatre for 3 nights for the group's annual performance.	£4,000	£3,000	£3,000
SG/W006	Menziesshill Out of School Care Club (MOOSCC)	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To pilot Healthy Eating Initiative	£5,200	£2,500	£2,500

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SG/W007	Menzieshill Out of School Care Club (MOOSCC)	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide transport and entrance fees for day trips during the summer holidays for children whose families cannot afford these outings.	£4,275	£4,275	£4,275
SG/W008	6th/8th Dundee Boys Brigade	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To purchase a photocopier to meet the increasing need for copying and printing by the group.	£2,451	£2,451	£2,451
SG/W009	Menzieshill Gardening Group	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To enable the group to visit gardens of interest around Scotland. Grant will also pay for plants that will be planted in Menzieshill Community Centre Garden.	£550	£550	£550
WY001	Basic Moves/Basic Games Leisure & Communities	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Physical activity programme for 96 children in P1-P5 promoting involvement in sports and regular exercise.	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
WY002	Dundee West Youth Project Leisure & Communities	Menziehill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	A range of youth work and youth diversionary activities by Blast Off worker, 2 youth workers and 2 Activities workers.	£23,892	£23,892	£23,892

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SG/NE001	Whitfield Community Centre Local Management Group. Leisure & Communities	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To refurbish 3 halls in the community centre. Coffee Bar tables and chairs will be replaced and available for use by all residents within the community.	£3,513	£3,513	£3,513
SG/NE002	The Pavilion, Mill 'O' Mains	Mill 'O' Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To purchase equipment to establish a new Under 9s Football team to promote physical activity and increase community involvement of both children and adults.	£989	£989	£989
SG/C004	Youth Sports Development Project Leisure & Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Delivery of multi sports and hockey within Dens Road, Rosebank and Our Lady's Primary Schools from May 2009 - March 2010 (34weeks, one session at each school per week)	£1,415	£1,415	£1,415
CY003	Basic Moves/Basic Games Sports Development Leisure & Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Physical activity programme for 64 children in P1-P5 promoting involvement in sports and regular exercise.	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000

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CY004	Clanz Youth Project - Cycle Event	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Cycle and safety equipment hire for a sponsored cycle event to raise funds for the group.	£2,580	£2,580	£1,200