

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
10 MARCH 2003**

**REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP – ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2003/2004**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 212-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report makes recommendations for the further allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding for the financial year 2003/2004 in order that existing projects can be extended beyond their current funding period.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 notes the outcome of the SIP decision making process and agrees to the recommendations contained in Section 9 of this report.

2.2 instructs officers to proceed with implementation of these proposals, and any conditions contained in Appendix B.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 SIP1 and SIP2 Expenditure 2003/2004.

	Budget £	Previously committed expenditure £	Proposals contained in this report £	Balance Remaining £
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	2,347,621	1,858,074	16,513	473,034
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	209,000	187,078	-	21,922
Total	2,556,621	2,045,152	16,513	494,956

3.2 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund section of the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department Revenue Budget 2003/2004.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Social Inclusion Partnership 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's Community Regeneration Strategy. As such, the measures contained in this report will impact on numerous Agenda 21 targets.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The resources made available through the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 10% of enumeration districts at the time of the 1991 Census. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dundee City Council now supports two separate geographic Social Inclusion Partnership programmes. These programmes are:

- 6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covering Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown. The programme was approved in November 1996 and has the potential to run up to 31 March 2007.
- 6.3 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy approved by Communities Scotland. This strategy is based on four themes:
- Empowerment
 - Prosperity
 - Stability
 - Sustainability
- 6.4 The second programme, Social Inclusion Partnership 2, is restricted to those areas of multiple deprivation in Dundee which fall outwith Social Inclusion Partnership 1 areas. This programme will come to an end on 31 March 2004.

7.0 THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- 7.1 The criteria set out by Communities Scotland for the operation of Social Inclusion Partnerships requires the active involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from the community and voluntary sectors
- 7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the strategies through their own resources.
- 7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. It does so, however, under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Partnership Board.
- 7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process, there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the structures of the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications have been considered by the local SIP groups in each of the SIP 1 areas. The applications have also been considered by the SIP Grants Group and endorsed by the SIP Board.
- 7.5 The contribution made by local people in this process has been considerable, and their contribution is an integral part of the assessment and decision-making process.
- 7.6 The decision-making process in relation to SIP funding applications is as follows:



7.7 Each funding application has also been assessed against a range of specific criteria under the following headings:

- Quality of project proposal
- Strategic relevance
- Resourcing factors
- Project Management

8.0 KEY ISSUES

In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Social Inclusion Partnership Board must take account of a variety of factors. These include the Scottish Executive Guidance and Conditions of Grant, the specific themes and measures of the Social Inclusion Partnership Strategy, the priorities and needs identified by local people and the local Action Plans which have been developed for each of the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 communities.

8.2 All major projects which applied for extension funding were subject to an evaluation carried out either by an officer of the relevant lead department or an external evaluator. These evaluations were submitted and were considered as part of the assessment and decision making process. Where relevant, the recommendations by evaluators will be taken into account by projects during any extension funding period, as a condition of grant. Where a full evaluation was not carried out action was taken to ensure that those assessing the funding applications were fully aware of the activities of the project.

9.0 PROPOSALS

9.1 Revenue Expenditure Proposals – Social Inclusion Partnership 1 (Appendix A).

9.1.1 Proposals Recommended for Funding

The following proposals are recommended for funding.

Extension Applications

- Maxwelltown Information Centre

Appendix B provides further details for the project listed above.

10.0 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance, Support Services, Planning and Transportation, Leisure and Arts, and Housing.

10.2 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.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report.

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APPENDIX A

REPORT TO : NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
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REPORT ON : SIP1 AND SIP2 FUNDING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2002/2004

REPORT BY : DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT

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PROJECT TITLE	FINISH DATE	2002/2003		2003/2004	
		SIP 1 (£)	SIP 2 (£)	SIP 1 (£)	SIP 2 (£)

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2002/2003

Arthurstone Library Technical Feasibility Study Group	31.03.03		3,400		
Access All Areas (ringfenced grant)	31.03.03		10,000		
Accreditation for Community Activists	31.12.02	31,373	7,844		
Camperdown Church (security measures)	31.03.03		8,000		
Douglas - Environmental (Lea Rig)	31.03.03		10,000		
Dundee Families	31.03.03	72,492			
	31.03.03				
Dundee Football Club - Community Learning Partnership		20,000			
Dundee Vocational Training Initiative	31.12.02	106,939			
Erskine Street Pilot Study: Phase 2	31.03.03		25,000		
Hilltown Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme	31.03.03	25,000			
Kirkton Physical Regeneration Programme, Phase 4: Establish Safe Routes	31.03.03	23,000			
Mill O'Mains Residents' Association	31.03.03		5,700		
St Mary's Community Flat	31.03.03		8,000		

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/2004

Brooksbank Handyman/Steward	31.03.04	1,390		5,559	
Brooksbank Neighbourhood Centre - Property Costs	31.03.04	23,118		23,118	
Building The Future - Dundee International Women's Centre	31.03.04		15,069		19,160
Community Development & Health	31.03.04	44,335		51,336	
Construction Pre Apprentice Training Initiative	31.03.04	5,000		10,000	
Dundee Anti Poverty	31.03.04	47,385		50,248	
Dundee Energy Efficiency	31.03.04	3,000		3,000	
Dundee Home Safety Child Equipment Loan Scheme	31.03.04	18,891	7,396	9,999	9,999
Fintry North Youth Project	31.03.04		12,587		17,416
	31.03.04				
Hilltown Childcare Services		60,446		63,201	
Kirkton Communal Lounge	31.03.04	51,689		51,689	
Kirkton Security & Environmental Initiative, Phases 3 & 4	31.03.04	82,800		36,800	
Learning Around	31.03.04	99,134		100,831	
Mid Craigie Parish Project Shopping Service Day	31.03.04	7,636	4,129	6,098	6,099
Money Advice Support Team	31.03.04	133,794		137,935	
The Corner	31.03.04	60,931	26,113	63,101	27,044
Sheltered Housing Shopping Scheme	31.03.04	9,591	9,591	22,459	3,277
Small Grants Fund	31.03.04	77,986	45,723	25,000	
Stobswell Youth Strategy	31.03.04		8,000		12,892
Training Skills for Employment	31.03.04	79,328		82,937	

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2004/2005

Access to Learning	31.03.05	24,845		29,607	
Community Volunteering Project	31.03.05	42,650		42,962	
Dundee Business Support Group	31.03.05	25,806		26,516	
Dundee City Credit Union	31.03.05	39,355		25,200	

Dundee Employment & Aftercare Project - Training Officer	31.03.05	2,410		9,641	
Dundee Employment Aftercare Project	31.03.05	81,134		90,187	
Enterprise Advice Project	31.03.05	42,334		45,506	
'Know The Score' Peer Education Project (Substance Misuse)	30.06.04	20,460	20,460	28,371	28,371
Mid Craigie/Linlathen Integrated Under 12s	31.03.05	66,362		72,358	
Passport To Sport	31.03.05	21,007	4,001	21,624	4,119
Womens Support & Training	31.03.05	50,452	17,063	41,335	17,715
Youth Sports Development Project	31.03.05	123,462		103,196	
Youth Work Strategy Ardler/Kirkton	31.03.05	51,759		50,000	

PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2005/2006

Maxwelltown Information Centre	31.03.06	96,465		16,513	
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PROJECTS ENDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/2007

Community Capacity Project	30.09.06	41,522		51,173	
Dighty Environmental Group	30.11.06			10,527	
Dundee North Law Centre	30.11.06	63,328	37,099	66,412	35,761
Highwayman Community & Youth Project	30.11.06	96,235		47,079	
Hilltown Outreach Translation Service	30.11.06	9,856		20,021	
SIP Implementation Team	30.11.06	214,801		223,658	
SIP Monitoring and Evaluation	30.11.06	35,966		53,122	

Administration Costs		54,895	7,825	56,268	5,225
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Total Committed Expenditure		2,290,362	293,000	1,874,587	187,078
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Amount Available After Above Proposals		0	20,000	473,034	21,922
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Total Communities Scotland Approved Funding		2,290,362	313,000	2,347,621	209,000
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* Communities Scotland approved funding for Financial Year 2002/03 includes 2.5% increase for inflation & SIP1
Support Cost grant of £94,556.

* Communities Scotland indicative funding for Financial Year 2003/04 includes 2.5% increase for inflation & SIP1
Support Cost grant of £96,920.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2003/2004 APPENDIX B

Project Title: Maxwelltown Information Centre (MIC)
Sponsoring Body: MIC Management Board
Type of Application: Extension
Start Date: 1996
Target Areas: Hilltown

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Maxwelltown Information Centre is a well established community base that provides a service to the people and agencies of the Hilltown area. The key services and activities of the project include:

- Providing accommodation and support for agencies and organisations to hold advice surgeries.
- Provide meeting space and support for community groups and organisations.
- Provide a local base for community regeneration.
- Provide support and development for ethnic minority involvement in regeneration.
- Develop the take-up of advice and support by ethnic minority communities.

The Project has an established Management Board that supports and directs the work of the project.

2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

The project has recently been evaluated by Peter D Taylor Consultancy and Research. The evaluation states that the project owes its period of funding "continued to develop and work effectively with a wide range of agencies and groups, who generally express high levels of satisfaction with their working relationship and the results achieved".

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

There is strong support from the SIP Board for the work of the Project. The Community and Voluntary Alliance are particularly supportive and welcome the move toward MIC becoming an independent voluntary organisation. Discussion continues about the nature of provision in the Hilltown. There is also a wish to see the project attain long term external funding.

4. SUSTAINABILITY

Questions remain about the long-term sustainability of the project. Steps have been taken to establish an independent Board and increase the range of funders. This is an ongoing process. A firm financial commitment of £16,513 has been made for the year 2003/2004. This approach allows for negotiations with the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund and the Lottery to be concluded.

5. RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Extend support for three years from April 2003 to March 2006.

Note:

The level of funding in each year may vary in relation to other funding that is attained.