

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 17 March 2003

REPORT ON: Dundee Dance Partnership

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 226-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to Committee a request to award a grant to Dundee Dance Partnership to further develop dance in Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Committee approves support of £11,000 for Dundee Dance Partnership.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The grant of £11,000 can be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's Revenue Budget 2002/2003.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Dundee Dance Partnership encourages access to resources which are not achieved at the expense of the environment and which are accessible to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Partnership's principal aim is to encourage the widest possible level of access and participation across the community.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Dundee Dance Partnership was established in 1996 and comprises Scottish Dance Theatre, Dundee College SPACE and Dundee City Council's Leisure and Arts Department. The Partnership has sought to develop dance throughout Dundee by increasing the levels of access and participation across the community in a broad spectrum of dance forms including Contemporary, Traditional, Scottish, Asian, Irish, Belly Dancing, Salsa and Tea Dancing.
- 6.2 The Partnership has through the Lottery funded development post at Dundee College increased participation in dance by close to 200% since its establishment. It is through this development of dance that the facilities at SPACE have benefited through significant capital investment from the Scottish Arts Council Lottery Fund.
- 6.3 The development of Scottish Dance Theatre into Scotland's premier Contemporary Dance Company has been supported by Dundee Dance Partnership. Scottish Dance Theatre is now recognised both nationally and internationally for the excellence of their work through performance, choreography and education. Their national tours throughout the UK and into Europe ensure that a very positive image of Dundee is presented at every opportunity. The quality of work has been further recognised by the Scottish Arts Council who has awarded

the company a significant increase in their revenue grant.

- 6.4 In autumn 2003 Dundee Dance Partnership will promote Dundee Festival of Dance which has proved a resounding success over the last five years bringing together audiences and performers alike in a month long celebration of all aspects of dance. Held at a number of venues across the city the festival attracts audiences from throughout Scotland with performances, residencies and classes delivered by the best of local, national and international dance companies.
- 6.5 The grant will support the ongoing activities undertaken throughout the year and allow Dundee Dance Partnership to continue to develop dance across the community encouraging high levels of access and participation and continue to raise the profile of Dundee as a City of Dance through a year round programme of dance activities delivered by Scottish Dance Theatre, SPACE and the many local organisations involved in dance.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement with it's contents

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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