

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 15 March 2004

REPORT ON: Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) – Revenue Support 2004-2005

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 235-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) for the year 2004-2005.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £28,350.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The funding recommended, as shown in the Budget at Appendix 1, is £28,350.
- 3.2 This expenditure will be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's revenue budget 2004-2005.
- 3.3 A separate annual grant of £15,000.00 was approved at the Policy and Resources Committee on 14 December 1998 to replace a proposed endowment fund, which will be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's revenue budget 2004-2005.
- 3.4 The terms and conditions of grant will be contained within a Funding Agreement 2004-2005, between Dundee City Council and Sensation (Dundee Science Centre).

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The renewal of revenue funding to Sensation (Dundee Science Centre) will ensure the continued provision of a popular educational visitor attraction, that local needs are met locally, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Sensation's principal activity is the provision of education, presentation and research in the fields of life sciences and other applications of science and to make them accessible to the general public. There is full disabled access throughout.
- 5.2 The Funding Agreement 2004-2005 will contain requirements that Sensation practice equal opportunities policies in respect of its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Dundee Science Centre "Sensation", opened in July 2000 with capital funding support from the Millennium Commission, Wellcome Trust, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, the Gannochy Trust, Dundee City Council, the European Regional Development Fund and the private sector. The centre is a registered charity. It offers hands-on experience of scientific phenomena and helps people to increase their knowledge and understanding of the physical universe. It is the UK's only Science Centre devoted to the five senses and was named the "Scottish Family Attraction of the Year" in 2003 by the Good Britain Guide.
- 6.2 The centre's educational activities include science clubs, evening lectures, talks and events aimed at children and adults. The Education Team provide information and education packs on 14 topics suited to environmental studies for 5-14 age groups based around the centre's 65 exhibits relating to light, sound, position, touch, heat, taste and smell.
- 6.3 In Easter 2004 a new 40 seat, 3D cinema will open specialising in polarised films, digital animation and realistic computer generated images of animals, on the themes of global warming, deforestation and depletion of the oceans. The opening film is "SOS Planet" produced in association with the World Wide Fund for Nature.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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SENSATION (DUNDEE SCIENCE CENTRE)**APPENDIX 1**

	Out-turn Jan-Dec 2003, based on 64,791 visitors	Forecast Jan-Dec 2004, based on 74,000 visitors
Income	£	£
Visitor Revenue	328,814	364,160
Car Parks	105,278	107,000
ERDF	20,541	---
Trust Income	23,250	40,000
DCC Revenue	28,000	28,350
DCC Endowment	15,000	15,000
Other Funding/Donations	36,837	43,408
Total	<u>557,720</u>	<u>597,918</u>
Staff costs and operating costs	583,739	592,039
Net Expenditure/(Income)	(26,019)	5,879