

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 28 April 2008

REPORT ON: Financial Support to Sound Sense Project

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 235-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks approval for a grant award from the Equality Action Fund to the Sound Sense Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the award of a grant of £685 towards the costs of a Deaf Awareness Day on 7 May 2008.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost will be contained within the third party payments budget head of Leisure and Communities Department's 2008/09 Revenue Budget.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Dundee City Council has supported the development of the Sound Sense project by providing accommodation and support services.
- 4.2 The Sound Sense Project makes a significant contribution to the Dundee Partnership's Equality and Diversity Partnership, and to Social Inclusion for deaf people through its volunteer befriending service and deaf awareness training programmes.
- 4.3 The programme for the day will facilitate/offer deaf citizens the opportunity to meet a wide variety of representatives from Council, Voluntary Organisations and Dundee Partnership agencies who provide services to citizens. The information/consultancy exercise will be facilitated by sign language interpreters.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief

Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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