

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 MAY 2006

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2006/2007**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the Community Regeneration Funding available to the Dundee Partnership for 2005-8 and makes recommendations on allocation to projects.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the process for allocating funding through Local Community Regeneration Forums as agreed by the Dundee Partnership.
- 2.2 Endorses the funding proposals contained in Section 8 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £249,489 from the Community Regeneration Fund. Further detail is presented in Section 8.
- 3.2 Dundee City Council has agreed to act as the accountable body for the Community Regeneration Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership (Committee Report 743-2004). There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Community Regeneration 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. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The resources made available through the Community Regeneration Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazone in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equaling opportunities.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1 In 2004 the Minister for Communities announced the establishment of a new £104 million Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). The CRF replaces the existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) programmes.

- 6.2 Community Regeneration Funding is expected to be targeted at the most deprived 15% of areas of Dundee as identified by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004. There are 51 such areas in Dundee with a population of approximately 40,000 based predominantly on the existing SIP1 and 2 communities. These areas have been collected into five clusters across the city which are defined as Community Regeneration Areas. (see Committee Report 743-2004)
- 6.3 Dundee has been allocated £17.367 million over 3 years including £5.665 million for 2006/7.

7. **MANAGING THE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND**

7.1 Procedures for allocating the Community Regeneration Fund were approved by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). In summary the key decisions were:

- a) Dundee City Council will act as accountable body reporting to the Dundee Partnership.
- b) The overall responsibility for decisions on the Community Regeneration Fund will be taken formally by the Dundee Partnership Management Group.
- c) Allocations to local priorities will be made by Local Community Regeneration Forums utilising devolved budgets. The local allocation process is detailed below.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 	<p>Dundee Partnership invites applications for CRF through extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.</p> <p>Applications are screened by the CRF Co-ordinator, Regeneration staff and partner agencies to ensure match to outcomes, strategic fit, value for money and focus on Community Regeneration Areas or thematic priority groups. Applications will either be rejected at this stage or endorsed by Building Stronger Communities Group.</p> <p>Satisfactory applications are passed to Local Community Regeneration Forums for consideration. Greater scrutiny is applied to match with local needs and local community plans. Further opinion is sought from wider communities before decisions taken and recommended to Dundee Partnership.</p> <p>Recommendations from LCRF's endorsed formally by Dundee Partnership.</p> <p>Allocations reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.</p> <p>Offer of Grant made to projects.</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation initiated.</p>
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7.2 The total CRF allocations for 2006/7 and 2007/8 are £5.665m and £5.927m respectively. In addition an underspend from 2005/6 which is currently being calculated will be available in 2006/7.

8. FUNDING ALLOCATION

8.1 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £249,489 to be met from the CRF allocation for 2006/7. Each project has been assessed as directly contributing to the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcomes, complementing broader partnership strategies and meeting needs expressed in local community plans.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Housing, Social Work, Education, Planning & Transportation, Dundee Contract Services and Head of Waste Management.

9.2 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.

10. BACKGROUND REPORTS

10.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, April 2005, Report No 244-2005, Community Regeneration Fund Allocation of Resources, 2005-6

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Appendix A Community Regeneration Fund Allocation 2006/7 (2006 - 2008)

No	Project Title/Applicant Contact No	Brief Description	2006-2007 Year 2 Requested	2007-2008 Year 3 Requested	Area Support	Award	Comments
148	Advocacy for Young People with Additional Needs Parent to Parent Tayside	Funding will be used to employ a part time Advocacy Worker and provide him/her with the means to support the young people. (Area 1-5)	£17,234	£15,877	1/2/3/5	£13,787	Part Funding
165	CRF Police Officer - Area 1 Tayside Police	Employment Costs relating to Community Safety outcomes (Area 1)	£105,861	£105,861	1	£105,861	
166	CRF Police Officer - Area 2 Tayside Police	Employment Costs relating to Community Safety outcomes (Area 2)	£70,574	£70,574	2	£35,287	One officer/Part Funding
169	CRF Police Officer - Area 5 Tayside Police	Employment Costs relating to Community Safety outcomes (Area 5)	£70,574	£70,574	5	£70,574	
201	Neighbourhood Assistant (North West) Leisure & Communities Dept	To support the Geographic Regeneration Team in the North West area, deliver regeneration activity and community involvement. (Area 2)	£23,980	£23,397	2	£23,980	