

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 9 June 2008

REPORT ON: Volunteer Centre Dundee Grant

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 298-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report seeks approval for the payment of the annual grant award to Volunteer Centre Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the grant award of £10,130 to Volunteer Centre Dundee as in previous years.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost will be contained within the third party payments budget head of Leisure and Communities for 2008-2009.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Volunteer Centre Dundee provides a range of advice, support and development opportunities for people wishing to volunteer in Dundee and to organisations who wish to work with volunteers.

4.2 The Centre continues to meet a public need and the volunteers it recruits and supports are invaluable to both the voluntary sector and public sector organisations in the city. The benefits to the volunteers themselves continue to be monitored and recorded.

4.3 During 2007-2008, the Centre has been involved in the preparation of a new Volunteering Strategy for the Dundee Partnership. The planned launch of this in June 2008 will see the start of a new phase of development of the promotion of volunteering amongst partnership agencies and of the growth of new volunteering opportunities in the city. Dundee is second only to Edinburgh in adopting this high level partnership approach and is therefore well placed to become a leader in this field.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. The Volunteer Centre has in place relevant policies to all those areas and makes a positive contribution to the Community Plans priorities by providing volunteering opportunities which address of these issues.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, 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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16 MAY 2008**