

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
21 APRIL 2003**

**REPORT ON: GUIDANCE AND LEARNING – ALLOCATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
RESOURCES (ESF)**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

REPORT NO: 304-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee is asked to note the approval of ESF monies for the delivery of Adult Guidance and Learning, for the period March 2003 – March 2004.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 notes the allocation of new funding as set out in para 3.1 below.

2.2 be advised of the approval of an application submitted by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department to the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme, the objectives of which are to promote increased access to adult guidance learning. This approval covers the period March 2003–March 2004.

2.3 notes that this will result in an additional allocation of £81,109 to the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department budget, which will be used to contract adult guidance learning workers.

2.4 authorises the Acting Director to contract existing and new staff on a sessional basis to ensure achievement of the project outcomes.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Financial implications of the report can be contained within the allocation of funding received from the European Social Fund, Objective 3 Programme. This will consist of Objective 3 Revenue Grant of £81,109.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This project will seek to support initiatives to ensure that all sections of the community are given opportunities to develop their capacity and gives guidance and learning support to partake in civic, community and working life.

4.2 The report seeks to ensure that the resources are used as efficiently to achieve departmental and Council agreed service priorities and ensure a sustainable partnership approach to community capacity building.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposals will continue to reflect the priorities and commitment of the Council to equal opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 On 8 January 2001 the 'Learning Around' adult guidance and learning project was approved at Committee (Report No. 24-2001). This project is funded from the Social Inclusion Partnership and works across SIP 1 areas. It provides impartial adult guidance to help support the most excluded to take up learning, employment and community involvement.

6.2 The existing Social Inclusion funded project has been used as a match to secure European Social Fund monies.

6.3 The additional finance will allow the project to operate across a wide geography, which will include all ESF eligible postcode areas in Dundee.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance, Corporate Planning and Support Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report, which is based on recommendations made by the Boost Fund Management Group.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 No background paper, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report.

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