

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 1 July 2009

**REPORT ON:** Dundee International Women's Centre Grant

**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Communities

**REPORT NO:** 306-2009

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The report seeks approval for the payment of the annual grant award to the Dundee International Women's Centre (DIWC) for the financial year 2009/2010.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the grant award of £8,189 to Dundee International Women's Centre for the 2009-2010 financial year.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The cost will be contained within the third party payments budget head of Leisure and Communities Department's 2009/10 Revenue Budget.

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Dundee International Women's Centre provides a range of advice, support and development opportunities for minority ethnic women within a supportive social environment, on behalf of Dundee City Council through their Service Level Agreement. During the last year it has developed successful partnerships with the Outreach Translation Service and under the FSF SLA has taken over responsibility for management of this project. DIWC has this year celebrated its 40th anniversary in Dundee, and continues to perform effectively under the terms of its longstanding partnership working arrangements with the Council.

4.2 DIWC achievements for the period 2008-2009 include:

- Dundee Partnership Community Award 2008 in the Work and Enterprise Category and the Scottish Black and Ethnic Minority Achievement Award 2008 in the Grass Roots Category.
- The Project has received 5 years' funding to cover 2 full-time project work posts and associated overhead costs, to develop the Pathways to Change project supporting more women from BME communities to choose their personal pathways to learn and develop through the Big Lottery Fund.
- The Project has created 14 employment opportunities for women from diverse communities, for many of whom this is their first experience of employment.
- DIWC membership has increased from 450 to 557 women during the last year with 224 of these women being new service users.
- Almost 25% of DIWC's income in 2008-2009 was raised through Social Enterprise and income generation projects.
- The Project has delivered 2 new nationally recognised childcare qualifications in partnership with Fairplay Training, Dundee College and the Childcare Partnership.

4.3 This year's grant should be assessed on the following outcomes:

- managing the delivery of a weekly programme of social, educational and recreational activities for all women, with a specific focus on those from diverse black and ethnic minority and international communities.
- supporting and managing volunteering opportunities which contribute to women developing their personal skills and experience with a view to improving access to the jobs market.
- managing and supporting the development of the Outreach Translation Service in order to improve access to communication support for those who need it.

## **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, 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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