

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**REPORT ON:** National Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages Strategy - Performance and Allocation

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

**REPORT NO:** 311-2009

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This Report details the progress on the 2008-2009 allocation, received from the Scottish Government, for Community Learning and Development Partnership implementation of the National Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Strategy.
- 1.2 This Report details the 2009-2010 ESOL Strategy allocation, received from the Scottish Government.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee acknowledges the progress made in 2008-2009 implementation of ESOL Strategy.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee approve the allocation of the ESOL Strategy allocation from the Scottish Government and acknowledges the reduction in the allocation.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The funding for this work will be met from the Scottish Government 2009/2010 ESOL Strategy allocation.

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

#### **4.1 Background**

The National Adult ESOL Strategy was published on 20 March 2007, with the aim of providing a framework to upgrade the quality and quantity of publicly funded ESOL provision in the College, Community Learning and Development and voluntary sectors. On 4 February 2008 the Scottish Government announced an additional £9m for the funding of English language classes over the next three years. A statement from the government said "The Scottish Government is committed to encouraging high quality, accessible and affordable English language teaching to support our growing economy and encourage active citizenship in a vibrant and inclusive society." The target groupings are International Workers, Asylum Seekers, Refugees and other traditional migrant groupings who are keen to learn English.

- 4.2 The allocation given to Dundee for the period 2008/2009 was £40,000 with a target number of 110 learners. The Community Learning and Development Partnership ESOL End Year Report, which was submitted to the Scottish Government in April 2009 reported that 224 ESOL learners had received support through the National Adult ESOL Strategy allocation.

- 4.3 The allocation given to Dundee for the period 2009/2010 is £32,000. This is a reduction of 20%, notification of which has come after the start of the financial year. The allocation has come without any target figures set by the Scottish Government. However, locally within the Single Outcome Agreement through the Learning and Culture Delivery Plan an intermediate outcome of reducing exclusion in learning and civic life by people without English as a first language has been set; with a target of 400 people receiving tuition through the ESOL network, which the ESOL Strategy monies will contribute towards achieving.

## **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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