

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 JUNE 2009

REPORT ON: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM ALLOCATION 2008-2010

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Fairer Scotland Fund Community Regeneration Forum allocations for 2008-2010 and makes recommendations for grants

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee endorses the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends grants from budgets of £150,000 which are allocated through each of the five community regeneration forums in Dundee totalling £750,000 in both 2008/9 and 2009/10. These budgets are contained within the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund allocation to the Dundee Partnership of £8.441m in 2008/9 and £8.286m in 2009/10.

3.2 Dundee City Council acts as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. There are therefore, no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.3 Grants of £51,780 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the creation of a new fund aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation across Scotland. The Fairer Scotland Fund replaces a number of existing programmes and funding streams.

4.2 The Fund will total £145m per year for the next three years and will be part of the local government settlement. An allocation from the Fund will be made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to work together to tackle area-based and individual poverty; and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities.

4.3 Dundee's allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund is as follows:

2008/9 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11* (£m)
8.441	8.286	8.131

* The allocation is ring-fenced for the first two years of the Spending Review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all Community Planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ring-fence

will be removed in 2010/11 as Single Outcome Agreements are concluded with Community Planning Partnerships.

- 4.4 The process by which the Dundee Partnership allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). The same procedures will apply to the local allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.5 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £50,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work, up to £50,000 on small grants and no less than £50,000 to physical improvements.
- 4.6 The decision-making process for allocating grants through the local community regeneration forums is set out below.

1. Members of community regeneration forums develop funding proposals through discussion with officers responsible for youth work and physical regeneration. Applications for small grants are sought from an extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Proposals/applications are screened by the FSF Co-ordinator to ensure match to outcomes, strategic, fit, value for money and focus on community regeneration areas.
3. Once the local community regeneration forums finalise funding proposals these are submitted to the Building Stronger Communities Group of the Dundee Partnership for agreement.
4. Allocations are reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
5. Offers of grant are made to projects.
6. Monitoring and evaluation is initiated.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum (which includes the agreed carry forward from 2008-9) is summarised below together with allocations proposed in this report:

	CRA 1	CRA 2	CRA 3	CRA 4	CRA 5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	£183,509	£232,995	£209,385	£214,051	£212,670	£1,052,610
Previously Allocated	£53,937	£52,193	£67,329	£22,830	£56,320	£252,609
Current Proposals	£19,608	£8,755	£10,101	£8,102	£5,214	£51,780
Still Available	£109,964	£172,047	£131,955	£183,119	£151,136	£748,221

5.2 The proposals detailed in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £51,780 from local budgets.

5.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

- CRA1 Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
- CRA2 Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
- CRA3 Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
- CRA4 Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
- CRA5 Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

6. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

6.2 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Fairer Scotland 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 Regeneration Outcome Agreement, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.

6.3 The resources made available through the Fairer Scotland Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazones in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

7. **CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, and the Directors of relevant departments.

7.2 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.

8. **BACKGROUND REPORTS**

8.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, March 2008, Report No 161-2008, Fairer Scotland Fund.

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No.	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
SG/NW005	Healthy Eating Food Group	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	In partnership with Kirkton family centre, to provide a 6 week cooking course	£270	£270	£270
SG/NW007	Chuckle Club	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	Outings for over 60's group	£924	£924	£924
SW/NW008	Kirkton Kronicle Kirkton Community Centre LMG	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To continue and further develop the local bi-monthly community newsletter over the coming year	£3,750	£1,999	£1,999
SG/NW009	Kirkton Festival Kirkton Community Centre LMG	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	The group would like to provide activities for young children in the form of Carnival rides etc a climbing wall and Street football	£2,050	£1,999	£1,999
SG/NW010	The Sports Club	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To visit Landmark Theme Park in Carrbridge, Inverness-shire in the summer holidays, with a group of young people of The Sports Club to promote social, emotional and physical development.	£649	£420	£420
SG/NW011	SS Leonard & Fergus Social Community Committee	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To bring together elderly and vulnerable members of the Northwest and wider communities for a social event which will address issues of isolation whilst increasing levels of well being and self worth.	£525	£525	£525

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SG/NW012	St Marys Over 55's Club	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	The club are all pensioners who would like funds for a social trip as a new club and funds are low.	£270	£270	£270
SG/NW013	Active Schools (Parkour)	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To provide coaching to young people in Kirkton, Ardler and St Mary's on Parkour techniques	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600
SG/NW-14	The Living Field (Kirkton)	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase a polytunnel for children from St Andrews Primary School to learn of environmental issues whilst planting and growing crops.	£4,526	£4,526	£2,000
SG/NW015	Young @ Heart Kirkton Community Centre	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase transport costs for excursion to Braemar (30 people)	£270	£270	£270
SG/NW016	St Mary's Funday Planning Group	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To host a funday in St Mary's. Costs for activities, and rides, camera, refreshments, licence, first aid and safety equipment.	£1,536	£1,536	£1,536
SG/NW017	Scottish Sports Futures Ardler Rocks Twilight Project	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To purchase full strips and bottled water for 40 young people attending year long twilight basketball league. To enable the young people to take part in the league and play against other leagues.	£1,560	£1,560	£1,560
SG/NW018	Ardler Complex Management Committee	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To fund ceilidh costs of Scottish Homecoming event on 4 October for 250 people.	£2,100	£600	£600

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SG/NW019	Kirkton Community Centre Leisure and Communities	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To carry out a feasibility study to utilise a large part of the upper floor area within the existing youth area which is currently an awkward space and turn it into a self contained multi purpose room.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
YD/NWY004	Kirkton Kids Summer/Autumn 2009 programme	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To provide a 6 day programme of diverse activities and opportunities for P1-P7 group within Kirkton Community Centre during the first 2 weeks in Holiday period.	£3,285	£3,285	£3,285
YD/NWY005	Youth Consultation Event	Ardler/St Marys/Kirkton	To hire a portable BMX skateboarding ramp for a young peoples consultation event in August.	£350	£350	£350
SG/W011	Dundee West Community Regeneration Forum	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide art workshops for children aged 5-12 years in Charleston during the summer holidays	£2,564	£2,564	£2,564
SG/W012	Wee book of Lochee Social Work	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To produce an updated version of the Wee book of Lochee	£466	£416	£416
SG/W013	Lochee Family Support Centre Social Work	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide books and crèche for an Incredible Years Parenting Course as a support for parents with children from birth to 12 years in the Lochee area.	£932	£932	£932

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SG/W015	Ancrum Plus	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To develop a programme of learning, community activities and opportunities to try new experiences.	£4,843	£4,843	£4,843
SG/NE007	Braeview Academy	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	The programme is an initiative to develop key leadership skills in 14 young people from S3 year at the school. The award will be used to pay for a week long residential at Laggania Outdoor Centre.	£5,800	£1,000	£1,000
SG/NE008	Under 12s Strategy Group	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	The award will be used to deliver a total of 3 Educational, Environmental and Social Excursions as part of a wider North East Summer holiday provision bringing both voluntary and public sectors.	£5,000	£4,325	£4,325
SG/NE009	The Pavilion, Mill O Mains	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	The award will be used to enhance the experiences of the community during the Pavilions Annual Fun day. The event is being developed to support community cohesion.	£2,196	£1,696	£1,696
SG/NE010	Whitfield Inclusion Group	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	The award will be used to pay for a Gala Day in Whitfield. It will be a mixture of fun entertainment and access to many services sited within the community.	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600

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YD/NEY012	Under 12s Strategy Group	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	The award will be used to provide a range of craft based resources for 5 community organisations within the north east of the city. These 5 organisations provide under 12 provision.	£1,480	£1,480	£1,480
SG/C005	Parents and Toddler Group	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	The Parent and Toddler Group require funds for payment of room hire at Mark Henderson Centre from June 2009 to March 2010 for 2 mornings a week and for purchase of new toys.	£4,652	£4,652	£4,652
SG/C006	Access to Learning Leisure and Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Multi Cultural Mela on 1 August 2009 requires funds for payment of variety of performances and activities from Dundee's diverse ethnic minority communities.	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
YD/CY008	Dudhope Park - Streetfootball Leisure and Communities	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	A 4 week street football pilot programme in Dudhope Park from mid August.	£547	£547	£547
PEI/C001	Hindmarsh Garden Land Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Removing and replanting shrubs, painting benches, supplying of 2 planters, remove old sign and tidy garden.	£1,903	£1,903	£1,903
SG/SE008	Hub Youth Work Team	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To support a summer programme to run 2 days per week for 6 week holiday period.	£1,745	£1,745	£1,745

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SG/SE009	Boomerang Out of School Club	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase outdoor play equipment and storage and to provide trips during summer period.	£5,064	£4,642	£3,000
YD/SEY013	Claypotts Athletics Youth Club	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To purchase equipment for the group to enhance physical training and activities	£519	£469	£469