

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 10 MAY 2004

**REPORT ON: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS
AND NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURES 2004–2005**

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 325-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the payment of administrative grants for the financial year April 2004 to March 2005 to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures in existence or established during the year, and to confirm the formulae for payment.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Administrative grants are awarded to all Community Councils currently in existence or established during 2004/2005 in accordance with the Council's Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils.
- 2.2 Administrative grants are also awarded to other Neighbourhood Representative Structures which meet the eligibility criteria set out in Committee Report No. 725 – 2002.
- 2.3 Grants are awarded according to the following formulae: a lump sum of £330 per Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structure plus 1.2p per resident in each area (see Appendices 1 and 2).
- 2.4 An administration grant of £440 is awarded to the Association of Dundee Community Councils.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Costs will be contained within the Department's Revenue Budget for 2004 – 2005.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All sections of the community are empowered to participate in decision making.
- 4.2 Community Councils promote engagement with the political process and the representation of interests.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 Community Councils encourage Dundee Citizens to participate in community life regardless of their race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, class, ethnic or religious beliefs, basic skills, disability, trade union activity, unemployment or whether they have AIDS or HIV.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 This report details payments in the form of administration grants to Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005, according to the Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils and Committee Report No. 725 – 2002.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARDS 2004 - 2005

7.1 The formulae governing the award of administrative grants ensures that Community Councils/Neighbourhood Structures receive a basic lump sum of £330 plus an additional 1.2p per resident. To be eligible for a grant, Community Councils/Neighbourhood Representative Structures must first make formal application by submitting audited annual accounts for the period 2003/2004 where appropriate. To qualify for a grant award, the applicant body should have less than twice the amount of their recommended grant in their administrative account at 31 March 2004.

7.2 The Revised Scheme for the Operation of Community Councils, makes provision for 19 Community Councils in Dundee. At present there are 5 Community Councils: Broughty Ferry, Fintry, City Centre and Harbour, West End, and Menzieshill, Balgay, Denhead of Gray, Benvie and Gourdie Community Council.

7.3 A petition has been received for the establishment of a Community Council for the Hilltown and District area.

7.4 Ardler Village Trust and Stobswell Forum have achieved the status of recognised Neighbourhood Representative Structures.

7.5 The Association of Dundee Community Council's enables Community Councils to share information, develop training programmes and promote the development of Community Councils and neighbourhood Representative Structures.

7.6 Community Councils/neighbourhood Representative Structures established after 1 April 2004 will be awarded a grant proportionate to the number of months they are operational between 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 No background papers, 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 extent in preparing the above report.

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COMMUNITY COUNCILS: ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2004 TO 31 MARCH 2005

Community Council/Neighbourhood Representative Structures	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2 Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
Broughty Ferry	18493	£ 330	222	£ 552
Fintry	6868	£ 330	82	£ 412
Menzieshill, Balgay, Denhead of Gray, Benvie and Gourdie	8331	£ 330	100	£ 430
West End	14039	£ 330	168	£ 498
City Centre and Harbour	2122	£ 330	25	£ 355
Hilltown and District	10917	£ 330	131	£ 461
Ardler Village Trust	1879*	£ 330	23	£ 353
Stobswell Forum	12802**	£ 330	153	£ 483
Association of Dundee Community Councils	-	£ 440	-	£ 440
Totals				£ 3985

* Population served by Ardler Village Trust

** Population served by Stobswell Forum

APPENDIX 2

COMMUNITY COUNCILS: PROPOSED BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

1 APRIL 2004 – 31 MARCH 2005

No	Name	Population	Basic Sum (£)	1.2 Per Capita (£)	Grant (£)
1	Ancrum/Blackness	7976	330	96	426
2	Ardler*/Blackshade	2904	330	35	365
3	Broughty Ferry	18493	330	222	552
4	Caird	2343	330	28	358
5	Charleston	4550	330	55	385
6	City Centre and Harbour	2122	330	25	355
7	Craigiebank and District	3400	330	41	371
8	Douglas and Angus and Craigie	8718	330	105	435
9	Downfield and Brackens	9848	330	118	448
10	Fintry	6868	330	82	412
11	Hilltown and District	10917	330	131	461
12	Kirkton	6456	330	77	407
13	Lochee	6988	330	84	414
14	Menzieshill, Balgay, Denhead of Gray, Benvie, and Gourdie	8331	330	100	430
15	Mid Craigie/Linlathen	4416	330	53	383
16	Rockwell/Fairmuir	7893	330	95	425
17	Stobswell** and District	12740	330	153	483
18	West End	14039	330	168	498
19	Whitfield	6661	330	80	410
	Association of Dundee Community Councils		440		440
Totals					8458

Population figures based on 2001 Census.