

ITEM No ...11.....

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 OCTOBER 2016
REPORT ON: SMART CITY – OPEN DATA - DUNDEE
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the Council's Open Data Project, being undertaken with support of the European Regional Development Fund and in partnership with Scotland's other six cities.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to approve the Open Data Project.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Scottish Cities Alliance (SCA) has received approval for a £10m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) strategic intervention on Smart Cities. The total open data project budget for Dundee is £166,000 over the period 2016-2018. Dundee City's Council contribution of £60,000 will be met from the IT capital budget, with additional funding of £40,000 from the SCA Cities Investment Fund and £66,000 from the ERDF.

The grant award from the Cities Investment Fund will be used to engage a data platform development officer on a temporary term (c. £40,000).

4. BACKGROUND

Open Data is data that anyone can access, use and share. The UK Government have been publishing Open Data to the data.gov.uk website since 2010, which has now collected over 40,000 datasets on a number of topics from across the UK at all levels of government.

The Open Data Project will build upon the Scottish Government's Open Data Strategy (2015) through the development and implementation of an open data strategy for Dundee. The aims of the project are to organise local data and information to make it both readily accessible and available for re-use by all.

The project will create an open data platform for Dundee City to be used by Dundee City Council and partners to share datasets, better enabling evidence based decisions to transform and improve services. Community based engagement activities will ensure that data is both usable and useful and is accessible to meet the information needs of communities throughout the city.

Dundee City Council will work in partnership with the other cities - Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Perth and Stirling to share best practice, realise procurement efficiencies, and ensure that where possible data released can be combined to form 'Scotland's 8th City'.

Personal data will not be shared publically, and the Open Data Policy will define publication processes which ensure that all data released is cleansed or anonymised in compliance with the Data Protection Act, to respect the privacy of Dundee citizens.

Project Governance and Delivery

The project will be managed using the PRINCE2 methodology, in compliance with the project monitoring regulations associated with the ERDF grant funding.

The project will be led and managed by the Customer Service & IT Service, working with a project board comprising of representatives from across the Council departments and key partners, in conjunction with the Scottish Cities Alliance open data group. Governance will be provided by the Council's Digital Oversight Board, and the Scottish Cities Alliance board.

The Open Data Platform project will be delivered across four work packages which broadly align with the deliverables:

Work Package	Summary	Lead City
Data Standards	Develop standards and protocols for the publication of open data across Scotland's cities.	Aberdeen
Open Data Platform	Identify the requirements for, procure and implement the open data publishing software.	Dundee
Analytics	Provide tools for analysis of data from the open data platform, and highlight how data can be analysed to inform decisions.	Glasgow
Community and Capacity Building	Engage with communities across Dundee and the tech sector to develop capacity to re-use data in developing new applications and services.	Edinburgh

The project will also seek to develop an Open Data Strategy for the Council, with the aim that information and data curated by Dundee City Council will be openly shared wherever practical.

The open data project will work alongside and complement existing data sharing initiatives, such as the Improvement Service Spatial Hub to which the Council already contributes geographic datasets under an open government licence.

5. **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. **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Scottish Government's Open Data Strategy (2015)

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