

**ITEM No ...4.....**

**REPORT TO:** NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 12 DECEMBER 2016  
**REPORT ON:** COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16  
**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
**REPORT NO:** 382-2016

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report brings to Committee’s attention progress and achievement in the Community Learning and Development (CLD) service for the period 2015/16.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- a) Notes the range of work undertaken by CLD during the period 2015/16.
  - b) Acknowledges the contribution of the Council’s CLD work to:
    - Improving life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
    - Building stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The CLD Regulations (Scotland) 2013 placed a duty on local authorities to provide an adequate and efficient CLD service and required authorities to provide a local CLD Strategy. Dundee’s strategy was approved by Committee on 24 August 2015 (Article XII, Policy & Resources Committee, refers). This report updates on progress to March 2016.
- 4.2 CLD promotes social inclusion by targeting work within communities in the most disadvantaged areas of Dundee. This work supports the building of confidence and development of new skills which improve attainment and achievement and support, progression into volunteering, further education, training and employment.
- 4.3 CLD promotes active community involvement and is at the heart of bringing the Council and it’s communities closer together. In doing so it provides life changing opportunities for individuals and community groups.

**5 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**5.1 Employability**

Community Learning and Development contributes to developing this high level outcome through direct CLD service delivery and by working with individuals in communities to identify and address employability needs, develop skills and identify progression routes. It has contributed to the employability review and is working on neighbourhood employability pilots. Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 1,215 learners receiving community based adult guidance
- 118 learners progressed to employment
- 301 young people have taken part in community based employability programmes
- 608 young people have gained accredited awards including Duke of Edinburgh, Youth Achievement and Dynamic Youth and Sports Leader
- 63 people entered into employment through IT4 Work
- 461 people receiving support to develop digital skills through IT4 Work
- 1,251 adults with no or low level qualifications registered on community based learning programmes

## 5.2 Learning and Culture

Community Learning and Development contributes to this high level outcome through linking the cultural developments in the city with communities, targeted at those most disadvantaged. In addition, it promotes and delivers learning opportunities based on need and aimed at helping people make positive change.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 24,625 people attended cultural events in community centres
- 257 cultural events were held within the community centres
- 186 volunteers supported delivery of the community centre programmes
- 401,591 individual visits were made to community centres
- 3,567 adults took part in learning in their community
- Adult Education Associations in Broughty Ferry and Stobswell were supported to deliver learning programmes
- 2,047 adults took part in literacy support across partnership provision
- 503 people gained English skills through ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) provision
- An ESOL programme has been designed to support adults who are part of the Syrian Resettlement Programme

## 5.3 Children and Young People

Work with Children and Young People aims to build self-esteem and confidence, sustain and maintain personal and social relationships, develop skills and the capacity for positive decision making.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 481 young people have engaged in activities, to influence local or national decision making effectively, such as the Youth Council
- 459 young people in the 12-18 age range have registered as volunteers at the Volunteer Centre
- 608 young people received Duke of Edinburgh Award, Youth Achievement and Sports Leader Award
- 899 P7 children have participated in peer led health focused risk taking decision making sessions
- 2,042 young people have been involved in diversionary activities
- 29,202 attendance have been recorded at children's provision within community centres
- 26,888 contacts with young people accessing health and wellbeing support
- 899 young people participated in peer led drug and alcohol personal safety awareness sessions.

#### **5.4 Health and Wellbeing**

CLD priorities in Health and Wellbeing are identified through Healthy Dundee, Local Community Planning Consultations and Dundee Partnership Citizen Survey.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 6 community regeneration areas have received Equally Well support
- 1,402 people have been given advice at health information points
- 4,606 views have been made to the Wellbeing section of Dundee City Council website
- 1,124 participants attended Dundee Healthy Living physical activity programmes
- 94 people have received certification through accredited cookery courses in the community
- Sources of Support social prescribing scheme has been implemented in four GP practices
- 17 training sessions have been delivered to 201 individuals on poverty awareness/stigma
- Focus on Alcohol delivery sessions in community festivals across the city aimed at promoting responsible alcohol use.

#### **5.5 Reshaping care for older people**

Community Learning has played a role in co-production and community capacity building by working with older people, their carers and third sector to build on the local provision of care.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 27 small capacity building co-production grants awarded through the third sector interface
- 2 men's sheds/groups formed
- 18 participants in Community Companion befriending scheme
- 34 active customers for Dundee Community Cars, totalling 3279 journeys
- 6 older people representatives on Change Funding and Integrated Care Fund.
- 150 attendees at Positive Ageing events.

#### **5.6 Community Safety**

Community Learning and Development has a key role to play in delivering this high level outcome through direct CLD service delivery working with communities to identify and address local community safety issues. There has been work with communities and partners to develop Dundee's Safe Place and support to vulnerable groups and the development of LGBT group now based at The Shore.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 2,042 young people involved in diversionary activities through Youth Work
- 1431 children participating in the Safe Taysider Programme
- 141 adults participating in E- Safety learning events
- 290 young people participating in E-Safety learning events

#### **5.7 Building Stronger Communities**

Building Stronger Communities aims to address fairness and social inclusion and help support people live in strong vibrant communities where they can access high quality services and facilities being involved in the co-production and development of these.

Key achievements for 2015/16 include:

- 127 community groups have accessed regeneration grants
- £750,000 has been allocated to the Regeneration Fund as part of community participatory budgeting

- 8,000 attendees recorded at community engagement events
- Community Councils and neighbourhood representative structures have been supported in each multi member ward.
- 8 Local Management Groups involved in the running of Community Centres
- 782 people provided with personal support, training and development to take part in community organisations
- 55 capacity building sessions delivered for Dundee Association of Local Management Groups
- 51 Partnership Agreements set up between community centres and voluntary organisations to deliver services in community settings
- 75 individuals regularly involved in Community Regeneration Forums
- 401,591 visits to community centres
- 5 asset transfers completed

## **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.

There are no major issues.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services, all other Chief Officers and the Dundee City Council Community Asset Transfer Steering Group have been consulted on the preparation of this report. No concerns were expressed.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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