

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 8 September 2008

REPORT ON: Financial Support to Youth Scotland

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 443-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details an award from the Department's Non-Recurring Revenue Grants Fund to support the second year development of partnership work with Youth Scotland.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves a grant award of £8,250.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award will be met from the Department's revenue budget for 2008-2009.

3.2 A key focus of the partnership work with Youth Scotland in this second year will be to secure funding to sustain this work beyond the present arrangements.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 At its meeting on 10 February 1997 the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Department's grant aid portfolio (Report No 127-1997 refers).

4.2 Below are the details of the specific grant award.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommendation £
Youth Scotland	To assist with the cost of employing a Youth Participation Development Worker who will lead the development of a Dundee Youth Forum and the operating licence costs for Youth Achievement Awards and Dynamic Youth for 2008/09.	33,553	8,250	8,250

4.3 The objectives of our partnership work with Youth Scotland are to:

- Develop the skills, knowledge and experience of young people so that they can confidently influence and shape policy and contribute to decision-making in their communities.
- Support young people in the development of a Civic Youth Forum which provides opportunities to develop and organise events and to be a voice for young people in Dundee.

4.4 This is the second year of the present partnership arrangements with Youth Scotland. In the first year the following outputs and outcomes were achieved;

Outputs	Outcomes
Delivery of Involvement Training and Board Meetings programmes to young people and youth workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five youth groups registered to participate. • 105 young people participated in the training. • 20 youth workers participated.
Weekly meetings with Dundee's Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (M.S.Y.P.) to plan the initial development of a Civic Youth Forum. Open Meeting held on 20 March 2008. Steering Group elected and now meeting. Introductory/follow up meetings held with a large range of public and voluntary sector groups including local authority Education, Community Learning and Development and Social Work teams, Universities, college and over 20 voluntary sector organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven youth organisations interested in the Civic Youth Forum. • Twelve young people attended the Open Meeting • Planning underway for a development residential and draft constitution. • Awareness raising and recruitment to the Civic Youth Forum.

4.5 The key target outputs and outcomes for year two are as follows;

Outputs	Outcomes
Delivery of Involvement Training and Board Meetings programmes to young people and youth workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Youth Workers participating. • 110 young people participating. • Youth groups in Dundee participating in at least one residential.
Regular meetings of the Dundee Youth Forum Steering Group. A development/planning residential. A roadshow of visits to groups of young people. Production of promotional material.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A launch event in early 2009. • A draft constitution. • Awareness raising with youth groups (approx. 200 young people). • Links between Dundee Youth Forum and local groups.

- 4.6 An important aspect of the department's partnership with Youth Scotland is the opportunity to offer informal accreditation to young people through the Dynamic Youth and Youth Achievement Awards. Through these awards young people can be recognised for the voluntary work they do in their spare time and the contribution they make to their community. In 2007/2008 young people in Dundee received the highest number of awards in Scotland with 179 Dynamic Youth Awards and 151 Youth Achievement Awards presented. In 2008/09 targets of 300 Dynamic Youth Awards and 150 Youth Achievement Awards have been agreed.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty and 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 the content.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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