

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 10 DECEMBER 2012

REPORT ON: DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2012/13

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 479-2012

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report confirms the Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2012/13 and makes recommendations for grants.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that committee approves the funding proposals contained in section 5 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report makes allocations from the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund which was approved at Policy and Resources Committee of 7 December 2009. An allocation of £125,000 was available to each of the Community Regeneration Forums in the city for each of the three years from 2010/11. The budgets available, including approved carry forwards, are set out in paragraph 5.1.

3.2 Grants of £66,355 are recommended in this report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2009 approved Report No 58-2010 which set out arrangements for the mainstreaming of the Fairer Scotland Fund. This included the commitment to continue to make funding available to community regeneration forums to support local regeneration activity.

4.2 The community regeneration forums have been recognised by the Scottish Government as best practice. They are a strong democratic means of identifying and responding to local need, promote community empowerment and capacity building and work well in representing a community regeneration perspective within Local Community Planning Partnerships.

4.3 Report No 84-2010 on 22 February 2010 approved the arrangements for making allocations for the six wards with data zones identified as within the most disadvantaged 15% in Scotland as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008. These are Coldside, East End, Lochee, Maryfield, North East and Strathmartine.

4.4 Each forum had an annual allocation of £125,000 for each of the three years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.

4.5 The process by which Dundee City Council allocates funding to local projects through community regeneration forums was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Report No 743-2004). The same procedures apply to the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund.

4.6 Community regeneration forums will be invited to allocate funding of up to £25,000 on small grants, and no less than £100,000 on diversionary and preventative youth work or physical improvements.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The budget for each community regeneration forum is summarised below, together with allocations proposed in this report. These include agreed carry forwards from 2011/12.

Dundee Partnership Fund 2012-13

Local Forum	Total Allocation (inc. 2011/12 carry forward)	Previously Allocated	Current Proposals	Still Available
Coldside	£125,000	£84,468	£3,816	£36,716
East End	£125,000	£92,254	£635	£32,111
Lochee	£161,424	£88,211	£0	£73,213
Maryfield	£137,026	£88,881	£26,243	£21,902
North East	£136,816	£101,155	£35,661	£0
Strathmartine	£165,156	£129,288	£0	£35,868
Total	£850,422	£584,257	£66,355	£199,810

- 5.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation from local budgets of £66,355.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community regeneration process has previously been screened for policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Risk Management.

The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for Report No 507-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report and is available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>.

- 6.2 The resources made available through the Dundee Community Regeneration Fund are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of data zones in the 2008 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This funding is intended to tackle a range of inequalities.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Partner 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 PAPERS

Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2004, Report No 743-2004.
 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, December 2009, Report No 591-2009.
 Equality Impact Assessment Report.
 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, June 2012, Report No 225-2012

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Ref No.	Applicant	Ward	Description of Project	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Forum Decision Amount
CP004	Environment Department	Coldside	To enable improvements to the area between Kincaldrum Place and St Salvador's Church. Tree beds will be cleared of dead trees and replanted and the area grassed over. Six vandalised park benches will also be replaced with more durable metal benches.	£7,391	£3,816	£3,816
EE022	50+ Elderly & Disabled Group	East End	To contribute towards entertainment and travel cost for a Christmas event for 28 group members, many of whom have limited mobility.	£731	£325	£325
EE023	Joan Bartlett House	East End	To contribute towards two festive season events for 45 older residents in supported accommodation.	£900	£450	£310
MY013	DEAP Ltd	Maryfield	To buy and install a new kitchen to enhance existing healthy living sessions within the Next Steps project. The project works with approximately 40 young people per year.	£6,284	£6,284	£6,284
MP010	Friends of Stobsmuir Ponds	Maryfield	To purchase and install a new notice board plus a contribution towards the cost of a new bench for Stobsmuir Ponds.	£3,918	£3,918	£1,959
MP011	City Development	Maryfield	To demolish a disused store building on Languard Street and clear the derelict land to provide a safer and more attractive route to Albert Street.	£27,680	£18,000	£18,000

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NEP006	Environment Department	North East	To fund a programme of tree planting in Whitfield, which will develop 1.5 hectares of green space. Fifty trees will also be transplanted from an area marked for future housing development to other green space in Whitfield.	£10,000	£10,000	£8,661
NEP007	Environment Department	North East	To contribute towards development of a community play space on the Whitfield Green. This will incorporate seating, a football pitch, a BMX ramp and some play equipment.	£318,000	£27,000	£27,000