

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 2004

REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES 2004/2005

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 539-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report notes the allocation of funding for SIP 1 and SIP 2 from Communities Scotland, and makes recommendations for the allocation of SIP 1 and SIP 2 funding for the financial year 2004/2005.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 notes the outcome of the SIP decision-making process and agrees the proposals contained in Section 9 of this report including the allocation of SIP1 Empowering Communities funding outlined in Appendix A.

2.2 notes the allocations from SIP1 Small Grants allocation outlined in Appendix B;

2.3 notes the allocations from SIP2 Small Grants allocation outlined in Appendix C;

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Allocations 2004/05;

SIP Core Grants	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£2,347,621	£2,344,887	£ 00,000	£ 2,734
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£ 209,000	£ 208,952	£ 00,000	£ 48
Total	£2,556,621	£2,553,839	£ 00,000	£ 2,782

3.2 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Small Grants Expenditure 2004/05. The Small Grants budgets have been allocated from the Core Grants and are accounted for within the proposals contained in this report figure of the Core Grants table above;

SIP Small Grants	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£70,000	£46,482	£11,860	£11,658
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£25,000	£18,535	£ 6,400	£ 65
Total	£95,000	£65,017	£ 18,260	£11,723

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Social Inclusion Partnership programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership's Community Regeneration Strategy. As such, the measures contained in this report will impact on numerous Agenda 21 targets.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The resources made available through the Social Inclusion Partnership fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 10% of enumeration districts at the time of the 1991 Census. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dundee City Council now supports two separate geographic Social Inclusion Partnership programmes.

6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covers Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown.

6.3 Social Inclusion Partnership 2 – covers parts of Whitfield, Fintry, Mill O' Mains, Stobswell, City Centre, West End, Charleston, Lochee, Beechwood and St Marys.

6.4 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Community Planning Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy and Transitional Regeneration Outcome Agreement approved by Communities Scotland. This strategy is based on four themes:

- Empowerment
- Prosperity
- Stability
- Sustainability

7.0 THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

7.1 The criteria set out by Communities Scotland for the operation of Social Inclusion Partnerships requires the active involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from the community and voluntary sectors;

7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement through their own resources. With the approved transition of the Social Inclusion Partnership into Dundee's Community Planning Partnership there will be a period of review and scrutiny of existing projects to determine a future funding strategy for each initiative;

7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. The Community Planning Partnership has agreed to continue during 2004/2005 with the existing decision-making procedures developed by The Social Inclusion Partnership Board;

7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process, there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the structures of the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications have been considered by the local SIP groups in each of the SIP 1 areas. The applications have also been considered by the SIP Grants Group and endorsed by the SIP Board.

7.5 The contribution made by local people in this process has been considerable, and their contribution is an integral part of the assessment and decision-making process.

7.6 The decision-making process in relation to SIP funding applications is as follows:



7.7 Each funding application has also been assessed against a range of specific criteria under the following headings:

- Quality of project proposal
- Strategic relevance
- Resourcing factors
- Project Management

8.0 KEY ISSUES

8.1 In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Social Inclusion Partnership Board must take account of a variety of factors. These include the Scottish Executive Guidance and Conditions of Grant, the specific themes and measures of the Social Inclusion Partnership Strategy, the priorities and needs identified by local people and the local Action Plans which have been developed for each of the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 communities.

8.2 All major projects which applied for extension funding were subject to an evaluation carried out either by an officer of the relevant lead department or an external evaluator. These evaluations were submitted and were considered as part of the assessment and decision-making process. Where relevant, the recommendations by evaluators will be taken into account by projects during any extension funding period, as a condition of grant. Where a full evaluation was not carried out, action was taken to ensure that those assessing the funding applications were fully aware of the activities of the project.

9.0 PROPOSALS

9.1 Appendix A lists proposals totalling £5,000 for funding under the SIP1 Empowering Communities Grant Fund.

9.2 Appendix B lists proposals totalling £11,860 for funding under the SIP1 Small Grants Fund allocation.

9.3 Appendix C lists proposals totalling £6,400 for funding under the SIP2 Small Grants Fund allocation.

10.0 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Directors of Planning and Transportation, Leisure and Arts and Housing.
- 10.2 Partnership 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.

11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 None.

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Date: 9 August 2004

APPENDIX A

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Empowering Communities

Ref	Applicant Group	Area	Comments	Total Amount	Amount Requested	Recommendation
27	Heartstone	SIP1	Costs towards a project aimed at young people and issues of tolerance.	£20,000	£5,000	£5,000

APPENDIX B

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SIP1 Small Grants

Ref	Applicant Group	Area	Comments	Total Amount	Amount Requested	Recommendation
29	Ardler Village Community Shop	Ardler	Contribution towards the purchase of increased stock of school clothing for discount shop run by and for parents.	£5,000	£5,000	£4,000
30	Tenants and Residents of Ardler	Ardler	Cost of feasibility study into the potential for a community hall.	£500	£500	£500
32	Ardler Environmental Group	Ardler	Cost of the running costs of the Environmental Group.	£1,700	£550	£550
27	M-Line	SIP1	Project provides a help line for the male victims of child abuse, costs towards training materials for volunteers, travel expenses for volunteers, helpline costs for 1 year and trainer fees for training sessions.	£3,540	£3,540	£3,540
28	Children's Health Group (W-Club Juniors)	SIP1	Project aimed at developing a service for overweight/obese children, in partnership with Healthy Living Initiative, Under 12's, School Nurses, Dieticians and Youth Sports Development Team, costs for 2 children's workers for 52 weeks.	£9,590	£4,903	£3,270
Totals				£20,330	£14,493	£11,860

Total Funds Available	£70,000
Previously Allocated	£46,482
Less Recommendations	<u>£11,860</u>
Balance Remaining	£11,658

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SIP2 Small Grants

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Ref	Applicant Group	Area	Comments	Total Amount	Amount Requested	Recommendation
4.	Playworld Playgroup	St Mary's	Contribution towards the cost of running a playgroup at Macalpine Primary School.	£4,800	£3,000	£1,000
5.	Stobswell Parish Church Community Steering Group	Stobswell	Costs towards the costs of renovation of Park Hall to ensure increased community usage.	£29,000	£5,000	£2,500
17	North East Young Parents	Fintry/Whitfield/Mill '0 Mains	Support for childcare relating to parents taking part in a programme of educational/ health events.	£1,500	£1,500	£1,000
18	Mom.Com	Mill '0 Mains	Costs of tutor and software for developing computer group.	£1,894	£1,500	£1,500
19	St Mary's/Ardler Feel Good Group	St Mary's	A contribution towards the cost of relaxation/activity programme.	£820	£400	£400
Totals				£38,014	£11,400	£6,400

Total Funds Available	£25,000
Previously Allocated	£18,535
Less Recommended	<u>£ 6,400</u>
Balance Remaining	65