

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -  
10 NOVEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES 2004/2005  
AND 2005-2006**

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES**

**REPORT NO: 707-2003**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report notes the allocation of funding for SIP 1 from Communities Scotland.
- 1.2 This report makes recommendations for the allocation of SIP 1 funding for the financial years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006

## **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.
- 2.2 instructs officers to proceed with implementation of these proposals, and conditions contained in Appendices A(1) to A(6).

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Expenditure

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previously Committed Expenditure</b>	<b>Proposals contained in this Report</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£2,347,621	£1,135,626	£319,653	£892,342
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£ 209,000	£ 5,225	£ -	£ 203,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,556,621</b>	<b>£1,140,851</b>	<b>£319,653</b>	<b>£1,096,117</b>

- 3.2 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership fund section of the Communities Department Revenue Budget 2004/2005.

## **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. The first of these programmes:

6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covers Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown. The programme was approved in November 1996 and has the potential to run up to 31 March 2007.

6.3 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy 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.

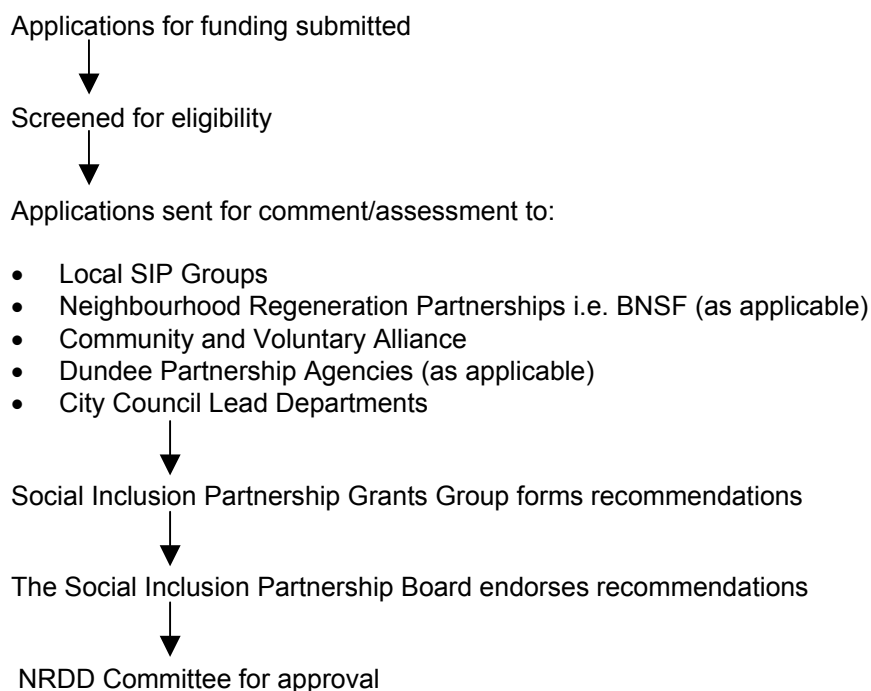
7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the strategies through their own resources.

7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. It does so, however, under the auspices of 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 Revenue Expenditure Proposals – Social Inclusion Partnership 1**

#### **9.1.1 The following proposals are recommended for funding from the SIP 1 Core Grant:**

SIP 1 Extension Applications totalling £319,653

- Brooksbank Partnership £ 31,089
- Anti Poverty Forum £ 56,734
- Money Advice Support Team £142,952
- Mid/Lin Day Care £ 7,324
- Maxwelltown Information Centre £ 29,875
- Healthy Living Initiative £ 51,679

Appendices A(1) to A(6) provide further details for the projects listed above.

## **10.0 CONSULTATION**

10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), 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 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report).

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**3 November 2003**

## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(1)

**Project Title:** Brooksbank Partnership  
**Sponsoring Body:** Brooksbank Management Group  
**Type of Application:** Extension  
**Start Date:** 1 April 2003  
**Target Area:** SIP 1

### 1. Description of Project

Provide support for the projects using Brooksbank, in the shape of stewarding and maintenance costs. This allows the Money Advice Support Team, Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum, the Home Security Safety Scheme and others to work in an environment that can readily be accessed by individuals in the area.

### 2. Project Management

The Project will be managed by Dundee anti-Poverty Forum, the Money Advice Support Team and Dundee City Council in the shape of Brooksbank Management Group.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The project was supported by a range of partners. It was recognised that Brooksbank plays a key role in the work of the projects it hosts.

### 4. Sustainability

It was recognised that the sustainability of Brooksbank was closely connected to the future of the projects that operate from the premises. It was felt that the long-term future would relate to the discussions taking place in the context of community planning.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £31,089  
1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £31,089

## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(2)

**Project Title:** Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum  
**Sponsoring Body:** Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum  
**Type of Application:** Extension  
**Start Date:** 1 April 1999  
**Target Area:** SIP 1

### 1. Description of Project

Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum is dedicated to the eradication of poverty and the promotion of social inclusion. The Forum supports a range of organisations tackling poverty, disseminates information and raises awareness. It networks with national and international organisations and locally supports the running of the Brooksbank centre.

### 2. Project Management

The project is managed by its Management Committee. It enjoys the support of a lead officer from the Communities Department.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The contribution of the Forum in both policy and practical terms is acknowledged by a range of partners.

### 4. Sustainability

It is recognised that the Forum has successfully attracted funding from a number of sources. Its ability to survive long-term is fully linked to the value that it provides for its members and supporters.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £56,734  
1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £56,734

## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(3)

**Project Title:** The Money Advice Support Team  
**Sponsoring Body:** Money Advice Support Team Management Group  
**Type of Application:** Extension  
**Start Date:** 1 April 1998  
**Target Area:** SIP 1

### 1. Description of Project

MAST provides information on debt issues and consumer credit. Advice and support on financial hardship. It promotes income maximisation through benefits checks, negotiating with creditors; budgeting advice and representation in debt related court cases.

### 2. Project Management

MAST is managed by a volunteer management group, with the project manager responsible for day-to-day management. The project has a lead officer from the City Council's Social Work Department.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The project enjoys the support of all partners. There is however recognition that there is a need to ensure this service is provided on a long-term basis.

### 4. Sustainability

The project is exploring various funding sources. Consideration is being given to its location within the Community Planning process. It is also hoped that MAST can take advantage of Scottish Executive initiatives to secure income maximisation.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £142,952  
1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £142,952

## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(4)

**Project Title:** The Mid/Lin Day Care (Shopping Service)

**Sponsoring Body:** Mid/Lin Day Care Management Group

**Type of Application:** Extension

**Start Date:** 1 April 2002

**Target Area:** SIP 1

### 1. Description of Project

The project supports clients to undertake shopping trips to various shopping centres/supermarkets. This allows clients to be involved in their shopping and experiencing their changing environment.

### 2. Project Management

The project is managed by the Mid/Lin Day Care Management Committee.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The project enjoys strong support from the community and voluntary sector.

### 4. Sustainability

The service will require to explore a range of funding sources to ensure this continues.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £7,324

1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £7,324



## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(5)

**Project Title:** The Maxwelltown Information Centre (MIC)

**Sponsoring Body:** MIC Management Committee

**Type of Application:** Extension

**Start Date:** 1996

**Target Area:** Hilltown

### 1. Description of Project

The project provides accommodation and support for the voluntary, statutory and community organisations in the Hilltown. It provides resources and equipment and develops the take-up of services from minority ethnic communities.

### 2. Project Management

The project is managed by MIC's Management Committee. MIC has the support of a lead officer from the Communities Department of the City Council.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The project has the support from the partnership, particularly the community and voluntary sector representatives. Whilst MIC was supported by the SIP in 2003 it was encouraged to explore additional funding sources.

### 4. Sustainability

The project has secured £30,000 funding from UVAF (Unemployed Volunteer Action Fund) for its work with minority ethnic communities. It has additionally attained £40,000 (on an annual basis) from the Lottery Fund. SIP is being asked for £29,875 to support the activity of MIC's project co-ordinator.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £29,875

1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £29,875

The grant is conditional on receiving a 'new' funding application to outline the role of the Project Co-ordinator.

## SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2004/2005 APPENDIX A(6)

**Project Title:** Healthy Living Initiative  
**Sponsoring Body:** Healthy Living Initiative Management Group  
**Type of Application:** Extension  
**Start Date:** 1 April 1998  
**Target Area:** SIP 1

### 1. Description of Project

The Initiative provides information, training, and support for individuals and community groups on matters relating to health. Health and Community Development Workers are based in the SIP communities to carry out these tasks.

### 2. Project Management

The Initiative has management and advisory groups which both include community representatives.

### 3. Partnership Assessment

The Initiative was supported across the partnership.

### 4. Sustainability

The Initiative enjoys a strong connection with the Health Board. It plans to modify the practices of this and other agencies over time. In this way the lessons it highlights can be addressed by the mainstream.

### 5. Recommendations and Conditions

1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 - £51,679  
1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 - £51,679