

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 DECEMBER 2006

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2006/2007**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the Community Regeneration Funding available to the Dundee Partnership for 2005-8 and makes recommendations on allocation to projects.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the process for allocating funding through Local Community Regeneration Forums as agreed by the Dundee Partnership.
- 2.2 Endorses the funding proposals contained in Section 8 of this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £68,898 from the Community Regeneration Fund for 2006/7. Further detail is presented in Section 8 and Appendix A.
- 3.2 Dundee City Council has agreed to act as the accountable body for the Community Regeneration Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership (Committee Report 743-2004). There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

4. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between the Council's anti-poverty targets and the focus of the Community Regeneration 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 address numerous anti-poverty priorities.
- 4.2 This report does not require any additional action in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The resources made available through the Community Regeneration Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazone in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

6. BACKGROUND

6.1 In 2004 the Minister for Communities announced the establishment of a new £104 million Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). The CRF replaced the existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) programmes.

6.2 Community Regeneration Funding is expected to be targeted at the most deprived 15% of areas of Dundee as identified by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004. There are 51 such areas in Dundee with a population of approximately 40,000. These areas have been collected into five clusters across the city which are defined as Community Regeneration Areas. (see Committee Report 743-2004)

7. **MANAGING THE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND**

7.1 Procedures for allocating the Community Regeneration Fund were approved by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). In summary the key decisions were:

- a) Dundee City Council will act as accountable body reporting to the Dundee Partnership.
- b) The overall responsibility for decisions on the Community Regeneration Fund will be taken formally by the Dundee Partnership Management Group.
- c) Allocations to local priorities will be made by Local Community Regeneration Forums utilising devolved budgets. The local allocation process is detailed below.

1. Dundee Partnership invites applications for CRF through extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2. Applications are screened by the CRF Co-ordinator, Regeneration staff and partner agencies to ensure match to outcomes, strategic fit, value for money and focus on Community Regeneration Areas or thematic priority groups. Applications will either be rejected at this stage or endorsed by Building Stronger Communities Group.
3. Satisfactory applications are passed to Local Community Regeneration Forums for consideration. Greater scrutiny is applied to match with local needs and local community plans. Further opinion is sought from wider communities before decisions taken and recommended to Dundee Partnership.
4. Recommendations from LCRF's endorsed formally by Dundee Partnership.
5. Allocations reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
6. Offer of Grant made to projects.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation initiated.

7.2 Dundee was allocated £17.367 million over 3 years. Including carry forward from year one, the budget for 2006/7 is £6,633,484. Taking into account previous decisions, £1,146,345 is available for Community Regeneration Forums to allocate in 2006/7.

8. FUNDING ALLOCATION

8.1 The local allocations and funding recommendations proposed in this report are summarised below:

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5	TOTAL
Total devolved allocation	£92,143	£319,864	£105,112	£246,125	£383,101	£1,146,345
Previously allocated	£92,143	£266,434	£105,112	£226,185	£295,585	£985,459
Current Proposals	£0	£33,000	£0	£6,890	£29,008	£68,898
Still available	£0	£20,430	£0	£13,050	£58,508	£91,988

8.2 The projects contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £68,898 to be met from the CRF Budget for 2006/7. Each project has been assessed as directly contributing to the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcomes, complementing broad partnership strategies and meeting needs expressed in local community plans.

8.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

CRA1	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
CRA2	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
CRA3	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
CRA4	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
CRA5	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

8.4 An additional allocation of £25,000 has been made to each of the five Community Regeneration Forums to fund area-based clean-up activities. This allocation utilises carry forward from the year 2005/6. £7,658 of this is recommended in Appendix A as indicated.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Housing, Social Work, Education, Planning & Transportation, Dundee Contract Services and Head of Waste Management.

9.2 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.

10. BACKGROUND REPORTS

10.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, April 2005, Report No 244-2005, Community Regeneration Fund Allocation of Resources, 2005-6

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Community Regeneration Fund - Core

No	Project Title/Applicant	Area(s)	Project Description	Financial Year	Funding Awarded	Comments
183 M	Central Enviro Group/ NPN Central NPN Dundee Contract Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Remove shrubs and grass over area at Little Theatre Park (Hilltown)	2006/2007	£2,282	
183 N	Central Enviro Group/ NPN Central NPN Dundee Contract Services	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Remove shrubs and grass over area at Dallfield Multis (Hilltown)	2006/2007	£3,288	
183 O	Central Enviro Group/ NPN (Environmental Arts - Leisure and Communities Department)	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	Costs towards creating removable sculptural play elements at the play area project in Baxter Park	2006-2007	£1,320	
220	Menziesshill Church Congregational Church	Menziesshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Costs towards renovating the kitchen at the Church	2006-2007	£8,000	CRF is part contributing to a large programme of work

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225	Whorterbank Environmental Improvements Whorterbank Residents Association	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Removal of trees, shrubs, shrub bed and erection of fence	2006/2007	£7,658	* Please see note below
226	Whorterbank Play Area Dundee Contract Services	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Costs towards development of a play area at Whorterbank	2006/2007	£25,000	Total project cost is £50,000
227	MidLin Day Care	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To increase the security of the building and to deter anti social behaviour	2006/2007	£8,008	
228	Balerno Activities Group	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	To provide a Netpave track to allow bowlers and other service vehicles access to the bowling green	2006/2007	£21,000	

* **To be funded from additional Communities Area Clean Ups allocation**