

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 DECEMBER 2005

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
2005/2006**

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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 £48,118 from the Community Regeneration Fund. Further detail is presented in Section 8.
- 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. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 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 impact on numerous agenda 21 targets.

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 equalising 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 replaces 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 based predominantly on the existing SIP1 and 2 communities. These areas have been collected into five clusters across the city which are defined as Community Regeneration Areas. (see Committee Report 743-2004)
- 6.3 Dundee has been allocated £17.367 million over 3 years including £5.775 million for 2005/6.

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 The overall Community Regeneration Fund allocation to Dundee is listed below together with the allocations approved at Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004. The remaining budget is available for allocation by Local Community Regeneration

Forums, subject to the confirmation of approval for Dundee's Regeneration Outcome Agreement by the Minister for Communities.

Community Regeneration Fund	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8
Total CRF allocation	5,775,000	5,665,000	5,927,000
Allocations approved at P & R Committee, December 2004	3,294,742	3,596,679	3,817,652
Funding available for allocation by Local Community Regeneration Forums	2,480,258	2,068,321	2,109,348

8. FUNDING ALLOCATION

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

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5	Total
Total Devolved Allocation	597,742	319,953	585,341	389,401	587,821	£2,480,257
Previously Allocated	501,689	301,731	562,850	389,401	430,977	2,186,648
Current Proposals	0	0	22,491	0	25,627	48,118
Still Available	96,053	18,222	0	0	131,217	245,492

8.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £48,118 from local year one budgets. Each project has been assessed as directly contributing to the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Outcomes, complementing broader partnership strategies and meeting needs expressed in local community plans.

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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Appendix A Community Regeneration Fund Allocation 2005/2006 (2006 - 2008)

No	Project Title	Area(s)	Project Description	Financial Year	Funding Awarded	Comment
31B	BMX Development Leisure and Communities Department	CRA5	A contribution towards £75,177 of funding for fencing and surfacing at the BMX track.	2005/2006 (1)	£25,627	Area 5 Unallocated Funding
45	Dundee International Women's Centre	CRA3	Costs towards the refurbishment of new project premises	2005/2006 (1)	£22,491	* See Below

* An additional £15,509 has been allocated to this project to be met from anticipated underspend in the total CRF programme in 2005/6.