

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 FEBRUARY 2007**

**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 £170,827 from the Community Regeneration Fund for 2006/7. Further detail is presented in Section 8 and Appendices A and B.
- 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 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 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:

	<b>CRA1</b>	<b>CRA2</b>	<b>CRA3</b>	<b>CRA4</b>	<b>CRA5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Total devolved allocation	£92,143	£319,864	£105,112	£246,125	£383,101	£1,146,345
Previously allocated	£92,143	£299,434	£105,112	£236,675	£330,489	£1,063,853
Current Proposals	£0	£0	£0	£2,356	£52,612	£54,968
Still available	£0	£20,430	£0	£7,094	£0	£27,524

8.2 The projects contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £54,968 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. £40,859 of this is recommended in Appendix B as indicated.

8.5 £75,000 from the carry forward from 2005/06 has also been allocated to the Dundee Community Health Partnership to support the implementation of the Keep Well Initiative (previously know as Prevention 2010)

## 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**

<b>No</b>	<b>Project Title/Applicant</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Area Support</b>	<b>Award 2006-2007</b>	<b>Award 2007-2008</b>	<b>Comments</b>
230	Hub Community Library and Learning Centre. Leisure and Communities	Costs for interior refurbishment and external paintwork/signage. To further develop Hub Library and Learning Centre as a focus for the Mid Craigie/Linlathen communities.	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	£42,053		
231	Dundee City Council Housing Department	To remove and replace trip rail at 4-16 Ballindean Terrace, Douglas	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	£3,433		
232	CRF Police	To purchase community safety equipment for distribution locally	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir	£2,356		
233	Brooksbank Partnership	To renew paths around Brooksbank centre, drop kerb for disability access and excavate the existing cobbles and replace with tarmac surface.	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas	£7,126		

**Community Regeneration Fund 2006-2008 - BSC Area Clean Ups**
**APPENDIX B**

<b>No</b>	<b>Project Title/Applicant</b>	<b>Area(s)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
CU/NE1	Mill O Mains Residents Association	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To remove graffiti and repair two security lights at Mill O Mains Pavilion	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
CU/NE2	Finmill Centre Management Group	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To improve the environment of the centre now that it is being refurbished	£5,100	£5,100	£5,100
CU/NE3	Cheviot Ponds North East Urban Ranger Leisure and Communities	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To improve the environment around the pond through planting and hedging	£500	£500	£500
CU/NE4	Dundee City Council Planning and Transportation	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield	To provide lighting throughout the pathway in the centre of Whitfield	£18,400	£18,400	£18,400
CU/NW2	Sidlawview, St Fergus and Ardler Primary Schools Education Department	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton	Physical improvements to the exterior of school buildings.	£16,000	£1,000	£1,000

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CU/W2(a)	Dundee West NPN Dundee Contract Services	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	To provide seating area at Adamson Court, including removal of old slabs, kerbing, tarmac, supply and installation of seating and litter bin, top soiling, grassing and temporary security fencing during construction works.	£7,200	£7,200	£7,200
CU/W2(b)	Dundee West NPN Dundee Contract Services	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Tidy up and prepare the garden at the 'Twa Semis'	£1,329	£1,329	£1,329
CU/W2(c)	Dundee West NPN	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	Clean up and remove derelict shed and rubbish and cultivate and grass seed and landscape the area at the communal back area at 3-5 Dunholm Place	£1,330	£1,330	£1,330
CU/W3	Dundee West NPN DCC - Waste Management	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood	The supply and ventilation of 6 metal (vandal resistant) bins to be sited in Charleston and Menzieshill	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000