



FINANCE REPORT

BOARD MEETING – 30 APRIL 2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on a range of matters regarding the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) and the Community Planning Challenge Fund.

2. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND 2008/09

- 2.1 The FSF allocation awarded to East Ayrshire CPP from the Scottish Government in 2008/09 was £4,652,205. Members will recall that there was a full allocation of FSF resources in this financial year.
- 2.2 As at 31 March 2009, the actual amount spent on the ground by projects managed on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership by East Ayrshire Council and disbursements by the Council to external projects against the FSF totalled £4,159,141, leaving a balance of £493,064 in 2008/09 available for carry forward and which will be utilised in 2009/10, the detail of which is reflected in the Appendix to the report.
- 2.3 Actual expenditure on the ground by projects managed by East Ayrshire Council and disbursements to external projects form the basis of bi-annual returns to the Scottish Government in line with requirements (“expenditure incurred by the Accountable Body on behalf of the CPP”). The annual expenditure return to the Scottish Government, informed by the Quarter 4 departmental spend returns, was prepared by the Community Planning and Partnership Unit (CPPU) for sign off by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management (on behalf of the Council, which is the grant recipient for the FSF) and submission by the due date of 30 April 2009.
- 2.4 In addition, project financial returns identifying leverage of partner resources were used to inform the annual return to the Scottish Government. The key services and projects funded by FSF resources in 2008/09 have secured £5,626,622 in financial contributions and £199,507 contributions in kind from a range of other funding partners, including Community Planning Partners’ mainstream resources and other external funding sources.
- 2.5 Since the financial records of the Council for 2008/09 remain open at this time and are subject to external audit, a revised FSF financial return for the year just ended, where required, will be submitted to the CPPU by recipient departments in May 2009. The Scottish Government is aware of this position and has confirmed that there will be no requirement for the CPP to submit a revised annual expenditure return at that time. Consequently, the final outturn position for 2008/09 will be presented to the CPP Board at its next meeting on 30 July 2009.

3. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND 2009/10 AND 2010/11

- 3.1 As part of the FSF Programme Review process, it was agreed that the Research Officer post would transfer to the CPPU when the post became vacant in August 2008. The post has been reviewed and subsequently redesignated (Information Analyst) and regraded to ensure that the CPPU can assume centralised responsibility for the

production, development and promotion of statistical/information services, analysing data, and interpreting and reporting on results.

- 3.2 The post has been recently released for recruitment and it is proposed that the associated underspend from 2008/09 is carried forward into 2009/10 to cover the additional costs attributed to the upgraded Information Analyst post.
- 3.3 In addition, the Board is requested to consider proposals to provide additional finance of £12,000 from the FSF in 2010/11 to continue to support this post and £5,000 to provide a small development budget, which will bolster the analytical capacity available within the Partnership.
- 3.4 Coalfield Community Transport (CCT) has prepared a three-year funding bid to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to expand the 'Wheels2Work' scooter loan service to the north of East Ayrshire. The cost of providing ten new scooters and protective clothing and training for 20 individuals to assist them to access work, training or education is approximately £40,000 in year one and £20,000 in the subsequent two years.
- 3.5 CCT has requested between £5,000 to £15,000 from the FSF, which will act as match funding and strengthen the 'Wheels2Work' financial application to SPT. It is proposed, therefore, that the unallocated balance of £7,100 in the 2009/10 FSF budget is allocated to CCT for this purpose. There is also an option within the application for the CPP to contribute for the three-year funding period.
- 3.6 Subject to approval of the above proposals, this will ensure a full allocation of FSF resources in 2009/10 and the FSF unallocated balance in 2010/11 would total £169,800. Further proposals in relation to the 2010/11 FSF budget will be presented to the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

4. SMALL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND 2008/09

- 4.1 The Community Planning and Partnership Manager has delegated authority to spend up to a maximum of £2,000 on any one item of expenditure from a budget of £20,000, which can be utilised to fund small projects linked to the CPP's broad themes and priorities.
- 4.2 Since the December 2008 Board meeting, the following allocations have been made from the Small Project Development Fund and are presented to the Board for noting:
 - **Stewarton Lifelong Learning Committee: £180.** To provide subscription fees for broadband provision.
 - **Fuel Assistance Scheme: £2,000.** To contribute to the Fuel Assistance Scheme, which assists residents in East Ayrshire experiencing fuel related problems.
 - **Darvel Music Festival 2009–Fringe Event: £2,000.** To support young, unsigned groups participating in the Fringe Event in April 2009 by providing recording time in the Pulse Studio at yipworld.com and band travelling expenses, and contributing to artist performance fees.
 - **Community Planning Awards 2009: £2,000.** To contribute to the overall cost of the first Community Planning Awards hosted by the CPP Board on 26 March 2009.
- 4.3 The Board will recall that at its meeting on 18 September 2008, it was reported that £742 had been allocated from the Small Project Development Fund to purchase new signage

for Kilmarnock Shopmobility. The final invoice subsequently identified that the revised final cost to supply this work was £578, which is £164 less than previously reported.

- 4.4 The allocations at 4.2 and the revised allocation at 4.3 leave a balance of £12,237 in the Small Project Development Fund at 31 March 2009. Subject to Board approval, it is proposed that these funds are carried forward for future allocation into 2009/10. This amount is included in the carry forward balance detailed at 2.2.

5. CHALLENGE FUND 2008/09

- 5.1 As the Board will recall, at its last meeting the Community Planning and Partnership Manager (CPPM), in consultation with the Chair, was remitted to work with relevant colleagues to identify how the Board could utilise the remaining unallocated balance of £12,720 in the Community Planning Challenge Fund to support issues in relation to the rising fuel costs.
- 5.2 Consequently under delegated authority, £12,720 was approved by the Chair of the CPP Board to provide match funding for the Fuel Assistance Scheme, which can be accessed by East Ayrshire residents who find themselves in a fuel crisis situation. This ensures a full allocation of Challenge Fund resources in 2008/09.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Community Planning Partnership Board is requested to:
- i) note the requirement to submit the FSF Annual Expenditure Return for 2008/09 to the Scottish Government by 30 April 2009;
 - ii) note the FSF actual spend in the 2008/09 financial year and endorse the underspend identified for carry forward into 2009/10;
 - iii) consider and approve the proposals in respect of the Information Analyst post at 3.2 and 3.3;
 - iv) consider and approve the proposal at 3.5 to provide match funding from the unallocated balance in the 2009/10 FSF budget to expand the 'Wheels2Work' initiative to the north of East Ayrshire;
 - v) note the allocations from the Small Project Development Fund;
 - vi) note the financial allocation from the Challenge Fund to enhance fuel poverty activity; and
 - vii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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EAST AYRSHIRE
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD: 30 APRIL 2009
FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND 2008/09

Key Service / Project	2008/09 Allocation £	Amounts Disbursed to 31 March 2009 (Note 1) £	Balance Available for Carry Forward into 2009/10 £	Comments
Additional Police Resources	330,000	330,000	0	
Breakfast Clubs	65,000	65,000	0	
Carer and Young Carer Support	112,000	112,000	0	
CCTV	100,000	100,000	0	
Children Learning Health and Supported Play Initiative (CLHASP)	22,000	22,000	0	
Citizens' Advice Bureau	26,450	26,450	0	
Coalfield Communities Federation	57,800	57,800	0	
Coalfield Community Transport	63,500	63,500	0	
Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and THI	100,000	0	100,000	Carry forward due to the reprofiling of the three-year FSF allocation due to external factors. Approved for carry forward by the CPP Board on 11 December 2008.
Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union	50,000	50,000	0	
Dalmellington Youth Centre (The Zone)	67,500	67,500	0	
Early Intervention and Parental Capacity Building Programme	290,000	262,680	27,320	Underspend due to timing of payment for services - carry forward committed in 2009/10.
East Ayrshire JobRotation	71,000	71,000	0	
East Ayrshire Woodlands	66,000	66,000	0	
Environmental Hit Squad	50,000	50,000	0	
Ethnic Minority Inclusion	40,000	40,000	0	
External Funding and Sustainability Worker	30,000	30,000	0	
Finance and Development Officer/Admin Worker/Other Staff Costs	16,455	16,455	0	
Healthy Living Initiative	106,500	106,500	0	
Kilmarnock Credit Union	50,000	50,000	0	
Kilmarnock Shopmobility (joint allocation with Coalfield Community Transport)	20,000	5,849	14,151	Support Assistant appointed in December 2008 - carry forward committed in 2009/10.
Local Community Planning Forums	4,000	4,000	0	
More Choices: More Chances	370,000	335,360	34,640	Underspend due to delay in appointment of MCMC Co-ordinator - carry forward fully committed to activity in 2009/10.
New Sporting Futures	253,000	253,000	0	
North Federation	68,000	68,000	0	
Recreation Partnership Project	135,500	135,500	0	
Research Officer	29,000	9,540	19,460	Underspend due to vacant post since August 2008. Post subsequently redesignated (Information Analyst) and regraded. Carry forward fully committed in 2009/10.
Restoring Communities Programme	285,000	261,638	23,362	Underspend approved for carry forward by the CPP Board on 11 December 2009.
Road Safety Improvements	98,000	98,000	0	
Skills Development and Employability Service	823,000	613,672	209,328	Carry forward fully committed as match funding to a European 2-year funding package, which has been reprofiled due to external factors.
Total b/f	3,799,705	3,371,444	428,261	

Key Service / Project	2008/09	Amounts	Balance	Comments
	Allocation	Disbursed to	Available for	
	£	31 March 2009	Carry Forward	
		(Note 1)	into 2009/10	
	£	£	£	
Total c/f	3,799,705	3,371,444	428,261	
Street Lighting	172,000	166,714	5,286	Capital costs less than anticipated - carry forward to be utilised in 2009/10.
Substance Misuse	47,000	47,000	0	
Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre	10,000	10,000	0	
yipworld.com	123,000	123,000	0	
Youth Outreach	83,000	45,720	37,280	Underspend due to staffing vacancies in 2008/09 - carry forward fully committed in 2009/10.
Administration/Management Fee	30,000	30,000	0	
CPPU - Core Support	365,500	355,500	10,000	Carry forward fully committed in 2009/10.
Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement	2,000	2,000	0	
Small Project Development Fund (Note 2)	20,000	7,763	12,237	Carry forward available for allocation in 2009/10.
TOTAL FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND	4,652,205	4,159,141	493,064	
CHALLENGE FUND (Note 3)	86,800	86,800	0	

Note 1: This column represents all payments made to projects at the time of writing by the "Accountable Body" (East Ayrshire Council).

Note 2: Small Project Development Fund disbursements to date comprise:

• Reflective Material for Primary Schools	£1,005
• Kilmarnock Shopmobility	£578
• Stewarton Life-long Learning Committee	£180
• Fuel Assistance Scheme	£2,000
• Darvel Music Festival 2009: Fringe Event	£2,000
• Community Planning Awards Ceremony	£2,000
TOTAL	£7,763

Note 3: Challenge Fund includes £65,000 allocated in 2008/09 and £21,800 uncommitted balance carried forward from 2007/08.

Disbursements to date comprise:

• Victim Support	£5,080 approved at 18 September 2008 CPP Board.
• East Ayrshire Tourism Development	£59,000 approved at 11 December 2008 CPP Board.
• 'Design Workshop' -Glaisnock Shopping Centre, Cumnock	£10,000 approved at 11 December 2008 CPP Board.
• Fuel Assistance Scheme	£12,720 approved by Chair of CPP Board on 22 January 2009 under delegated authority.
TOTAL	£86,800