



FINANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 13 September 2007

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects and initiatives supported by funding available to them, in particular, the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and Community Voices Programme (CVP).

2. COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME 2007/08

- 2.1 As previously reported to the Board, the CRF allocation for 2007/08 is £3,274,000. The Community Voices Programme allocation is £99,000, providing a combined allocation of £3,373,000.
- 2.2 As a result of allocations made previously at the Board, the total 2007/08 budget has been allocated against a range of projects as detailed at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Board will recall that at the 8 March 2007 Board meeting, an allocation of £150,000 was made to Auchinleck One Stop Shop. It was recommended that the resources be ring fenced for a six-month period and that progress be reported to the September 2007 meeting.
- 2.4 As reported to the June meeting, options for developing a One Stop Shop facility in Auchinleck continue to be progressed, with wide ranging discussions taking place with local community groups and external partner organisations. Design and costings for both a new build facility and refurbished facility are currently being considered and further discussions are planned with representatives of the local community early in September 2007.
- 2.5 As a consequence of the above, the Board is asked to provide a further extension to the timeframe for utilising the £150,000 until the meetings with the local community have been convened in September 2007. The Board should, however, note that the potential for the £150,000 not to be fully utilised in this financial year remains and is asked to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager (CPPM), in consultation with the Chair and Operational Sub-group, to reallocate resources should the project declare an underspend prior to the next Board meeting in December 2007, reporting back any reallocation retrospectively to the Board.
- 2.6 The Board will also recall that, at its meeting on 8 March 2007, in addition to the £28,000 allocated to the BTTC in 2007/08, £6,000 of CRF resources were

ring fenced for further consideration regarding the impact of shared costs with the Library Service, with a recommendation for review in September 2007.

- 2.7 The building work to convert an industrial unit at Dalmellington Area Centre in which the local Library Service will be located, and link the library to the BTTC facility, is due to commence, with completion anticipated by the end of March 2008. The project has proposed, and it is recommended, that the £6,000 ring fenced CRF resources could be used to promote the new partnership working arrangements between the BTTC and Library Service through open days, jointly run courses and a range of marketing materials.
- 2.8 To ensure a full spend of all CRF and CVP resources, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager has reviewed the Core Support Team, and Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement budgets and is in a position to declare £25,000 from these combined budgets (£6,000 from the Community Voices Programme element of the Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement budget and £19,000 from the Core Support Team budget) for reallocation to other projects/initiatives.
- 2.9 Board members will recall that at the meeting on 8 March 2007, they gave a commitment to assist the North Federation secure DDA compliant premises. The Federation has now located suitable premises in Kilmarnock and the Board is therefore requested to support the following bid, subject to the Federation seeking appropriate legal advice prior to entering the lease agreement:
- **North Federation: £2,000**
To provide part year (October 2007-March 2008 at a cost of £3,000) rental costs to the North Communities Federation for property at 41 Bank Street, Kilmarnock. The premises are situated in what is considered to be an ideal location for the Federation to establish its office and provide an Information Centre; highly visible and accessible to the general public. The annual rental of the new premises is £6,000 (part year costs are provided).
- 2.10 Subject to approval by the Board, the above financial allocation will be made from the £6,000 underspend declared from the Community Voices Programme at paragraph 2.8.
- 2.11 To ensure a full and appropriate spend of the existing declared underspend and any potential underspend arising from Auchinleck One Stop Shop, the Board is asked to remit the CPPM, in consultation with the Chair and Operational Sub-group, to investigate the possibility of utilising the underspend resources, on the following projects/initiatives:
- **Attractive/Safe Communities** – Additional/replacement street lighting in the worst 0-15% data zones.
 - **Attractive Communities** – Support to continue the Environmental Hit Squad project until the end of the current financial year.
 - **Safe Communities** – Further extension to the 'Safezone' initiative in Kilmarnock.

- **Healthy/Active Communities** – Support to assist the Carers Centre secure new premises in the south of the authority.
- **Active Communities** – Support to assist with the possible expansion of the Shopmobility Scheme.
- **Safe Communities** – Support to establish a pilot programme of School Campus Police Officers/Locality Police Officers, building on the experience in North and South Ayrshire.

2.12 Finally, at its meeting on 8 March 2007, Board members agreed to consider favourably any short fall in funding that may occur for exiting projects seeking external funding, for example, where a project has submitted an external funding bid and the outcome of the funding application is due after 31 March 2007. An update in respect of the two projects receiving short fall funding in 2007/08 is detailed below as follows:

- **ICT in the Community:** £33,500 CRF resources approved to cover staff costs (including severance pay, if required), sessional staff costs and mileage until August 2007. As a result of initial feedback from the Lottery and after due consideration, it was agreed that the Council would not follow up its application for Lottery funding but that the project would be included as part of the East Ayrshire bids for European Structural Funds and ERDF resources. First stage applications require to be submitted by the first week in October 2007, with funding for successful applications available from 1 January 2008. The Board is asked to consider a further funding allocation to this project, subject to CRF resources becoming available, and again to remit the CPPM, in consultation with the Chair and Operational Sub-group, to consider an appropriate financial allocation.
- **Addiction Prevention Project (DIVERT)** – £10,000 CRF resources approved to allow the project to operate until the end of June 2007. The Lottery has expressed an interest in funding this particular initiative; however, additional information has been requested, which is currently being followed up by the Council's Head of Schools Support, who is the CRF Lead Officer for this project. As work is ongoing in respect of the Lottery bid, and the £10,000 has not been fully utilised to date, the Board is requested to allow the project to utilise this allocation between now and December 2007, with a further update to be provided to the Board at that point.

3. SMALL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND 2007/08

- 3.1 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 delegated budget of £20,000, which can be utilised to fund small projects linked to the CPP's broad themes and priorities.
- 3.2 Since the June 2007 Board meeting, the following allocations have been made from the Small Project Development Fund and are presented to the Board for noting:

- **East Ayrshire Credit Union Limited: £2,000.** To contribute towards the cost of a Feasibility Study of premises at 24 The Foregate, Kilmarnock.
- **CREATE: £1,200.** To part finance the costs associated with providing workshops at Cumnock Music Festival 2007.
- **Drongan Community Newsroom: £2,000.** To contribute towards the cost of purchasing the necessary equipment to facilitate the establishment of a community newsroom in Drongan.

3.3 As a result of these allocations, £11,400 remains for further allocation within the Small Project Development Fund.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the CPP Board:

- i) notes the work being carried forward to establish a One Stop Shop in Auchinleck;
- ii) approves the £6,000 CRF ring fenced resources to provide a range of publicity and promotional material, which will highlight the new joint working arrangements between the BTTC and Dalmellington Library Service;
- iii) notes the progress by projects receiving CRF shortfall funding in 2007/08 in relation to external funding bids;
- iv) remits the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Operational Sub-group, to reallocate any declared underspend and report reallocations retrospectively to the December 2007 Board meeting;
- v) notes the allocations made from the Small Project Development Fund; and
- vi) otherwise, notes the content of the report.

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30 August 2007

EAST AYRSHIRE

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND (CRF) / COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME (CVP) 2007/08

Budget Information	£
> Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) Allocation 2007/08	3,254,000
> CRF Carry Forward 2006/07	20,000
> Community Voices Programme (CVP) Allocation	99,000
Total	3,373,000

Project	CRF/CVP Confirmed Allocations 9 March 2006, 14 December 2006 & 8 March 2007 £	Additional Comments
Addiction Prevention Project (DIVERT)	10,000	To allow the project to operate to the end of June 2007, pending the outcome of a Lottery application.
Additional Police Resources	200,000	
Aspirational Learning	5,000	
Auchinleck One Stop Shop	150,000	Ring fence resources for six months. Progress report to be submitted to the CPP Board in June 2007.
Barony 'A' Frame Restoration Project	28,000	
Breakfast Clubs	65,000	
Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC)	34,000	Allocate £28,000. Ring fence £6,000 for further consideration regarding impact of shared costs with Libraries. Review in June 2007.
Carer and Young Carer Support	106,000	
CCTV	80,000	Allocation to reflect revenue costs only.
Coalfield Communities Federation *	40,000	
Coalfield Community Transport	63,500	
Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects	230,000	
CONDUIT	56,000	
Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) - Kilmarnock Town Centre	100,000	Allocation for Kilmarnock Town Centre regeneration only.
Dalmellington Youth Centre (The Zone)	68,000	Allocate £64,000 for core operating costs and £4,000 for one-off revenue purchases.
Development Fund	0	
East Ayrshire JobRotation	35,000	
East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY)	112,000	
East Ayrshire Woodlands	66,000	
Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement * (CVP part finance: £19,000)	95,000	
Employability Programme - Working for Families	70,000	
Environmental Hit Squad	130,000	6 months allocation to allow future sustainability to be considered.
Ethnic Minority Inclusion	40,000	
External Funding and Sustainability Worker	34,000	
Healthy Living Initiative	145,000	
ICT in the Community	33,500	To cover staff costs and mileage to end August 2007, pending the outcome of a Lottery application.
New Sporting Futures	117,000	Incorporating £30,000 for Swimming Pool Development Programme.
North Federation * (CVP Part finance : £40,000)	42,000	Includes £2,000 (CRF) to fund the hire of premises.
Raising Educational Attainment for Looked After and Accommodated Young People	150,000	
Recreation Partnership Project	135,000	
Research Officer	27,000	
Small Project Development Fund	20,000	
Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre	10,000	
Wraparound Early Years Care	245,000	
yipworld.com	120,000	
Youth Outreach	146,000	
Core Support	290,000	
Monitoring and Evaluation	75,000	
TOTAL COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME	3,373,000	

* Denotes Community Voices Programme funding