



FINANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 15 December 2005

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 from the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and Community Voices Programme (CVP).

2. COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND / COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME 2005/06

- 2.1 As previously reported, the CRF/CVP allocation to East Ayrshire CPP for 2005/06 is £4,093,000. At the September Board meeting, Members agreed to carry forward £534,750 of this allocation to 2006/07, leaving a balance of £3,558,250.
- 2.2 All projects participating in the formal annual review process, with the exception of East Ayrshire Works, have confirmed that they will have a full spend on their 2005/06 CRF budget.
- 2.3 The recently declared underspend of £30,000 by the above project is a consequence of the planned closure of East Ayrshire Employment Initiative at 31 March 2006 and of staff retention issues relating to the closure.
- 2.4 Proposals for spend of the recently declared underspend resources were forwarded to Communities Scotland on 24 November 2005, which include a request for flexibility to spend over a range of themes within the Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA), the detail of which is provided at Appendix 1. The total recommended bids detailed at Appendix 1 amount to £37,450. It is therefore proposed that the Board utilises £30,000 from the CRF underspend in 2005/06 and £7,450 from the 2005/06 Challenge Fund to meet the overall financial allocation of recommended bids. This leaves a balance in the Challenge Fund of £57,550.
- 2.5 In addition, it is proposed that the £10,000 set aside for Monitoring and Evaluation is utilised to commission an independent evaluation of the Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects. The need to gain a broader understanding of the impact of this project was identified as a priority during the review process. The Partnership Board is asked to consider the above proposal and those at Appendix 1, and endorse the reallocation of resources.
- 2.6 Full spend of these resources is anticipated at 31 March 2006 if Communities Scotland can provide the flexibility requested and will ensure that the core budget will be fully committed and spent within 2005/06. Communities Scotland has subsequently agreed to the re-allocation of resources in respect of the declared underspend of £30,000 by East Ayrshire Works.

- 2.7 A review of the impact the closure of East Ayrshire Employment Initiative, which also manages the Individual Employment Fund project, will make on the outputs and planned outcomes within the ROA is being progressed, and appropriate adjustments will be made to ensure that the targets are met.
- 2.8 Projects have been requested to submit final quarter grant claim forms for CRF/CVP resources in 2005/06 by 10 December 2005. In addition, projects and initiatives continue to be advised that all resources must be spent by 31 March 2006.

3. SMALL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND

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 The following allocation has been made from the Small Project Development Fund since the last Board meeting and is presented to the Board for information:

? **Dalmellington Christmas Market: £2,000**

To contribute to a funding package to support Dalmellington Community Council's Christmas Market.

? **Premier Night Leagues: £2,000**

To expand the catchment area for the existing Loudoun Academy Night League programme to include young people from Hurlford for a pilot period.

? **Youth Work Initiative Logan: £2,000**

To provide £2,000 to support the development of a youth committee in Logan, linked to the refurbishment of the existing Day Centre.

3.3 The above package of support totals £6,000, leaving an unallocated balance of £11,700, within the Small Project Development Fund. It is anticipated that there will be a full spend on this budget by 31 March 2006.

4. COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2006/07

4.1 Members will recall that the ROA and the associated funding proposals received formal endorsement from all core Community Planning Partners and were approved at the combined meeting of the North Social Inclusion Initiative and the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) Boards on 3 February 2005.

4.2 On behalf of Community Planning Partners, East Ayrshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee considered and approved funding proposals at its meeting of 8 February 2005 and the ROA, and the associated programme of projects, was forwarded to the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland for consideration following Committee approval.

4.3 The annual review process has provided an opportunity to review the indicative CRF financial allocations for 2006/07 and proposals have been provided for consideration and approval by the Board at Appendix 2.

- 4.4 Members endorsed the review of CRF projects linked to the Four Yearly Action Plan Review process at its meeting of 23 June 2005 and will be aware that, with the exception of the CRF flagship projects and projects supporting community empowerment, no CRF projects have been allocated funding beyond 31 March 2007 to allow the review of the programme to coincide with the four yearly action plan review.
- 4.5 Community Plan Action Plan Lead Officers are currently considering the outcomes of the annual review process and proposals in respect of 2007/08 allocations will be presented to the Board at its meeting in March 2006.
- 4.6 To ensure the financial procedures related to the overall CRF and CVP 'grant payment claim' process continue to be fit for purpose, the Community Planning and Partnership Unit is currently carrying out a review of existing financial systems.
- 4.7 Proposals in respect of streamlining future financial procedures, in terms of processing CRF/CVP grant payment claims, have been met favourably by East Ayrshire Council's Educational and Social Services, which the Board will be aware manages a significant number of CRF/CVP funded projects and initiatives. The outcome of the review will be reported to the Board at its next meeting and, subject to endorsement, revised procedures will be implemented from 1 April 2006.

5. STRATHCLYDE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP (SEP)

- 5.1 At its meeting of 23 June 2005, Members agreed that the responsibility for making comment, on behalf of the CPP Board, on applications submitted for European Partnership Funding be delegated to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager. This quarter, one relevant application was considered and the following recommendation was made:

? East Ayrshire Woodlands - East Ayrshire Council
Total Project Value - £805,000
Recommendation – Approval.

- 5.2 The above project (Piperhill Wood Energy Project) aims to link reclamation of an extensive area of vacant post opencast land with the development of a sustainable community enterprise based on growing wood energy crops.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Board is asked to:
- i) note the declared under spend of £30,000 by East Ayrshire Works and agree to re-allocate resources to the package of projects at Appendix 1;
 - ii) agree to allocate £7,450 from the 2005/06 Challenge Fund budget as detailed at Appendix 1;
 - iii) note the allocations made from the Small Project Development Fund as detailed at 3.2;
 - iv) agree to the proposed funding package in respect of CRF/CVP resources in 2006/07 as detailed at Appendix 2;

- v) agree to consider proposals in respect of CRF/CVP allocations in 2007/08, which are linked to the local Community Planning priorities, at the next meeting of the Board;
- vi) note the commitment to review and rationalise financial processes;
- vii) note the recommendations made on behalf of the Board to Strathclyde European Partnership; and
- viii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

Gwen Barker
Community Planning and Partnership Manager
30 November 2005

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT

COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND 2005/06 UNDERSPEND PROPOSALS AND CHALLENGE FUND BUDGET PROPOSALS

Declared Underspend £30,000 (Skilled Communities)

Challenge Fund Budget £65,000

Organisation	Proposal	Finance Requested £	Comment Recommendation
EASY	Manual Handling Training Course: The course will be targeted at 6 project staff. On completion staff will be validated to deliver safe manual handling courses to project participants. Linked theme: Skilled Communities	2,500	Recommendation: Support CRF Underspend
EASY	Mentoring Job Coaching: Aimed at providers who offer work placement for young people on the EASY project. The finance would allow for 12 participants to participate over a two-day period. Linked theme: Skilled Communities	3,000	Recommendation: Support CRF Underspend
BTTC	Equipment Update: To update a range of ICT equipment within the centre to ensure the project continues to meet the needs of learners linked to up to date technology. Linked theme: Skilled Communities	7,050	Recommendation: Support CRF Underspend
JobRotation	Equipment Purchase: To purchase a photocopier for project use. Linked theme: Skilled Communities	7,000	Recommendation: Not a priority for CRF resources
East Ayrshire Carers Centre	Mobile Bus Facility: To provide a comprehensive outreach service to Young Carers. £20,000 cost requested to 'fit out' project double decker bus. Linked theme: Healthy Communities	20,000	Recommendation: Support: Part fund CRF Underspend and Challenge Fund
Investment in Arts	The 'Big Bag Project': To work with Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils in the 10 primary schools in the 0-15% data zones to stage the 'Big Bag' production based on the children's story 'The Huge Bag of Worries'. Aimed at supporting young children access support when required and improve their quality of life. Linked theme: Young people	4,900	Recommendation: Support: Part fund CRF Underspend and Challenge Fund
Total Funding Bids: £44,450			
Recommended Funding: £37,450 (£30,000 from declared CRF Underspend and £7,450 from Challenge Fund)			

30 November 2005

Budget Information	
> Community Regeneration Fund (CRF)	
Allocation 2006/07	3,533,000
> CRF Carry Forward 2005/06	534,750
> Community Voices Programme (CVP)	99,000
Total	£ 4,166,750

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME
2006/2007**

APPENDIX 2

Existing Programme

Project Name	Total Funding Allocation 2006/07 £	Funding Source	Indicative Funding Allocations 2006/07 £	Requested Finance 2006/07 £	Recommended Funding Allocation 2006/07 £	Comments
Addiction Prevention Programme	45,000	CRF	0	45,000	45,000	Mid year review to be carried out to ensure effective implementation. £22,000 carried forward from 2005/06.
Additional Police Resources	200,000	CRF	200,000	290,000	200,000	Budget to be used as a flexible community safety resource. Explore opportunities to secure further youth diversion resources via the Rural Service Priority Area Initiative.
Aspirational Learning	20,000	CRF	20,000	20,000	20,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Atrium Homes and Cunninghame Housing Association – East Ayrshire Partnership ILM	290,200	£107,200 ESF £81,800 CS £24,700 AH £24,700 CHA £18,000 ND £8,800 TFW £25,000 CRF	25,000	25,000	25,000	Links with overall Housing Strategy and opportunities to utilise wider action fund to be explored.
Bellsbank Women's Project (Men's Health Initiative)	0		0	22,300	0	Planned exit from CRF resources March 2006. Opportunities to 'sustain' Men's Health work via Healthy Living Initiative and Men's Health Forum; learning element via CL&D budgets. Partners to explore broader Men's Health agenda.
Breakfast Clubs	90,000	£30,000 ChS £60,000 CRF	98,000	60,000	60,000	Ongoing programme - no change. Reduction in budget to reflect reduced financial requirements.
Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC)	62,500	£25,300 ESF £9,200 EAC £28,000 CRF	28,000	28,000	28,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Carer and Young Carer Support	395,300	£135,300 EAC £30,000 NHS £40,000 DWP £26,000 VA £25,000 ET £26,000 LTSB £7,000 TRT £106,000 CRF	106,000	106,000	106,000	Independent evaluation planned for 2006/07.
CCTV	170,000	CRF	170,000	170,000	170,000	Ongoing programme - no change. £170,000 carried forward from 2005/06.
Children's Holiday Project	0	£18,400 TRT £14,200 TMcRT £6,400 TMT £8,200 Income Generation £875 CB	0	0	0	Planned exit from CRF resources March 2006. Management Committee exploring long term sustainability.
CHP Domestic Abuse Initiative	31,000	CRF	31,000	31,000	31,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Coalfield Communities Federation *	15,000	CRF	15,000	15,000	15,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Coalfield Communities Federation Development Worker *	24,500	CRF	24,500	24,500	24,500	Ongoing programme - no change.
Coalfield Community Transport	170,400	£87,900 SE £45,000 CRF £37,500 Income Generation	45,000	63,120	63,000	Increased allocation requested to meet growing demands.

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Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects	230,000	CRF	230,000	230,000	230,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
CONDUIT	403,400	£182,400 ESF £93,000 EAC £50,000 SEA £23,000 AC £18,000 JP £7,000 EAEI £30,000 CRF	56,000	56,000	56,000	Independent evaluation planned for 2006/07.
Creative Skills	85,000	£45,000 KC £10,000 Adult Literacies £30,000 CRF	30,000	30,000	30,000	Indicative allocation until project review has been carried out. Funding to be released subject to satisfactory review. Remit to Chair and CPPM.
Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union	30,000	CRF	30,000	30,000	30,000	explored.
Dalmellington Youth Centre (The Zone)	62,000	CRF	62,000	63,860	62,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Dalrymple Youth Provision	30,000	CRF	30,000	30,000	30,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Development Fund		CRF	149,000	0	181,750	
Dialogue Youth Active Citizenship	60,000	CRF	60,000	60,000	60,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
East Avrshire Job Rotation	503,600	£226,200 ESF £143,100 SME £60,000 SEA £38,300 EAC £36,000 CRF	36,000	36,000	36,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
East Avrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY)	112,000	CRF	112,000	112,000	112,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
East Avrshire Woodlands	242,520	£158,520 ESF £30,000 SCVO £30,000 EAC £24,000 SEA £80,000 CRF	80,000	80,000	80,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
East Avrshire Works	120,000	CRF	120,000	Nil	120,000	Project to close 31 March 2006. Consideration to be given to appropriate future work related programmes. Ring fence resources.
Environmental Hit Squad	260,000	CRF	260,000	TBC	260,000	Indicative allocation until Project Annual Review meeting has been convened. Funding to be released subject to satisfactory review. Remit to Chair and CPPM.
Ethnic Minority Inclusion	40,000	CRF	40,000	40,000	40,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
External Funding and Sustainability Worker	34,000	CRF	34,000	34,000	34,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Glaisnock Trust	32,500	£32,500 BLF	0	70,000	0	Project requires to explore wider external funding opportunities for long term sustainability.
Healthy Living Initiative	238,500	£49,000 CRT £22,500 EAC £22,000 NHS £145,000 CRF	145,000	165,000	145,000	Additional £20,000 requested to meet demand of Lifestyle Referral Project. Project to seek resources from NHS Avrshire and Arran to meet additional demands.
ICT in the Community	100,000	CRF	100,000	100,000	100,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Individual Employment Fund	0		20,000	Nil	20,000	Project to close 31 March 2006. Consideration to be given to appropriate future work related programmes. Ring fence resources.
Investment in Arts	77,700	£14,700 EAC £63,000 CRF	63,000	63,430	63,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Kickstart Worker	31,500	CRF	31,500	TBC	31,500	Indicative allocation, review to be carried out in February 2006. Remit Chair and CPPM to release resources if appropriate.
Leisure United	80,000	£45,000 EAC £35,000 CRF	35,000	35,000	35,000	Integrate project and finance with Recreation Partnership Project.
Logan Development	4,000	CRF	0	4,000	4,000	£4,000 finance to support the development of a local youth committee.

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New Sporting Futures	112,500	£13,800 EAC £21,300 Ss £10,400 BLF £67,000 CRF	67,000	87,000	87,000	Additional £20,000 to integrate pilot Night Leagues and Diversionary Youth Activity in to core business.
North Federation *	15,000	CRF	15,000	15,000	15,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
North Federation Development Worker *	24,500	CRF	24,500	24,500	24,500	Ongoing programme - no change.
Prince's Trust Volunteers	47,300	£14,500 KC £13,600 ESF £6,500 ND £8,500 CRF £4,200 employed	8,500	8,500	8,500	Ongoing programme - no change.
Quality Bus Infrastructure Improvements	0		0	0	0	Funding request should resources become available.
Recreation Partnership Project	187,500	£15,000 EAC £72,500 NHS £100,000 CRF	100,000	100,000	100,000	Integrate Leisure United within overall project responsibility.
Research Officer	26,000	CRF	26,000	26,000	26,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Road Safety Improvements	0		0	0	0	Funding request should resources become available.
Road Safety Officer	39,000	CRF	39,000	33,000	39,000	Ongoing programme - no change. £6,000 carried over from 2005/06.
Safer Shire	0		0	0	0	Links with overall Housing Strategy and opportunities to utilise wider action fund to be explored. Consideration to be given to opportunities to expand programme EA wide.
Small Project Development Fund	20,000	CRF	20,000	20,000	20,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Street Lighting	0		0	0	0	Funding request should resources become available.
Swimming Pool Development Programme	94,000	CRF	0	94,000	94,000	£94k agreed carry forward from 2005/06.
Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre	45,000	CRF	26,000	45,000	45,000	£19k agreed carry forward from 2005/06.
Void Housing Environmental Scheme	117,000	CRF	117,000	117,000	117,000	Indicative allocation. Project Annual Review meeting to be convened. Funding to be released subject to satisfactory review. Remit to Chair and CPPM. £117,000 carried forward from 2005/06.
Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire	114,600	£69,600 SE £23,000 MV £11,000 EAC £11,000 CRF	11,000	20,000	11,000	Additional resources requested to support/recruit young volunteers. Project to utilise overall Volunteering budget to promote this area of work and ensure closer links with Dialogue Youth.
Wraparound Early Years Care	277,000	CRF	277,000	305,416	277,000	Additional resources requested to meet additional revenue costs associated with the Nursery nurses pay settlement. Project to explore mainstream resources to meet shortfall.
vipworld.com	206,000	£120,000 CRF £86,000 ERDF	120,000	120,000	120,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Youth Outreach	145,000	CRF	145,000	149,000	145,000	Project to continue to focus activity in the North of the Authority.
Accommodation and Supplies	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Administration & Management Fee	80,000		80,000	80,000	80,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Core Operating Costs	153,000		153,000	153,000	150,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement *	90,000	CRF	90,000	90,000	90,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
Monitoring and Evaluation	70,000	CRF	70,000	70,000	70,000	Ongoing programme - no change.
TOTAL EXISTING PROGRAMME	£ 6,204,020		£ 3,925,000	£ 3,746,626	£ 4,116,750	

New Programme

Auchinleck One Stop Shop			Nil	260,000	tbc	Review of proposal required. Report to be presented to March 2006 Board meeting.
Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes: Catrine/Kilmarnock Town Centre			Nil	150,000	50,000	Match fund of Heritage regeneration programme in Kilmarnock Town Centre and Catrine.
Early Years Activity Motivator			Nil	38,000	tbc	Review of proposal required. Report to be presented to March 2006 Board meeting.
Social Enterprise Support			Nil	tbc	tbc	Review of proposal required. Report to be presented to March 2006 Board meeting.
TOTAL NEW PROGRAMME			£ -	£ 448,000	£ 50,000	

Summary

Project Name	Total Funding Allocation 2006/07 £	Funding Source	Indicative Funding Allocations 2006/07 £	Requested Finance 2006/07 £	Recommended Funding Allocation 2006/07 £
Existing Projects			3,925,000	3,746,626	4,116,750
New Projects			0	448,000	50,000
TOTAL			£ 3,925,000	£ 4,194,626	£ 4,166,750

* Denotes project supported via the Community Voices Programme

** Total Funding Allocation & Funding Sources column are accurate/to be confirmed at 30 November 2005

KEY		KEY	
AH	Atrium Homes	KC	Kilmarnock College
BLF	Big Lottery Fund	LDF	Learn Direct Fund
CF	Camelot Foundation	LTSB	Lloyds TSB
CHS	Childcare Strategy	MV	Millennium Volunteers
CN	Children in Need	NHS	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
CB	Clydesdale Bank	ND	New Deal
CRF	Community Regeneration Fund	RCF	Rural Challenge Fund
CS	Communities Scotland	SAC	Scottish Arts Council
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
CHA	Cunningham Housing Association	SE	Scottish Executive
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions	SME	Small & Medium Enterprises
EAC	East Ayrshire Council	SWD	Social Welfare Department
ET	Energy Trust	Ss	Sportscotland
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund	TMcRT	The McRoberts Trust
ESF	European Social Fund	TMT	The Moffat Trust
FF	Fresh Futures	TRT	The Robertson Trust
HS	Historic Scotland	VA	Voluntary Action