



FINANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 8 March 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 2006/07

- 2.1 As previously reported, the combined CRF and CVP allocations to East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership for 2006/07 is £4,166,750. At the Board meeting of 28 September 2006, Members agreed to carry forward an anticipated under spend of £20,000 into 2007/08. This has been subsequently endorsed by Communities Scotland, which leaves an overall allocation in 2006/07 of £4,146,750.

- 2.2 At the December 2006 Board meeting, Members remitted the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the CPP Board and the Operational Sub-group, to make any necessary financial revisions and reallocations, where appropriate, to ensure a full and effective spend of CRF and CVP resources by 31 March 2007. Any reallocation of resources would be made in line with the Regeneration Outcome Agreement and reported retrospectively to the Board. The following projects have declared an under spend:

- **Auchinleck One Stop Shop: £150,000 (Community Regeneration Fund)**
Due to an increase in the overall build cost and recognising the reduced overall budget available for the project (£950,000, as opposed to the projected £1,400,000), Auchinleck One Stop Shop has been unable to utilise the £150,000 CRF grant allocation for 2006/07. The project has, therefore, declared an under spend of £150,000.
- **North Federation of Community Groups: £6,500 (Community Voices Programme)**
Due to the resignation of the Federation's Development Worker, an under spend of £6,500 has been declared in respect of staff wages, training and development costs.

- 2.3 As a consequence of the declared under spend for Auchinleck One Stop Shop, the following proposals for spend were prepared and submitted to the Chair and Operational Sub-group for consideration, and endorsed on 12 February 2007.

Additional Police Resources: £70,000

The additional allocation to Strathclyde Police will be used for pro-active policing throughout the existing targeted data zone areas and provide for 2,800 additional police hours.

A range of action plans will be developed and implemented to tackle:

- violent crime;
- housebreaking and car crime;
- drug suppliers;
- warrants; and
- anti-social behaviour.

Dialogue Youth: £10,000

To purchase equipment to further develop 'podcasting' and the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) as a means of engaging young people through Dialogue Youth.

Young People with Additional Support Needs: £25,000

To purchase a range of ICT equipment to be utilised by children and young people with additional support needs. The equipment will be used to support young people during lunch time clubs and/or after school care clubs in settings throughout East Ayrshire.

Multi-Use Games Areas: £45,000

To extend the 'sportswall' in Logan to a full size multi-use games area, providing non structured recreational activity for young people in the area.

- 2.4 The proposals to utilise the declared under spend by the North Federation were submitted to the Chair and Operational Sub-group on 20 February 2007 and received their overall endorsement.

Consultation and Engagement Information Pack: £2,500

To print and publish a consultation and engagement information pack targeted at improving the quality of community engagement across partner agencies in East Ayrshire.

National Standards for Community Engagement Event: £1,000

To host an event in the Park Hotel on 7 March 2007 aimed at promoting and raising awareness of the National Standards for Community Engagement.

Community Planning Showcase Events: £1,800

To part fund the use of local transport for individuals and community groups to attend and participate in the Community Planning Showcase events planned for 19 and 20 March 2007.

Steps to Excellence for Personal Success (STEPS): £1,200

STEPS is a developmental programme, which has had considerable success as a tool for individual and community regeneration. This funding will allow the CPP Board to continue to build on the success of the programme with individuals, projects and initiatives. Funding of £1,200 would allow the purchase of 20 STEPS packs at a cost of £60 per pack.

- 2.5 The allocations detailed at paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 are reported to the Board for noting and endorsement and will ensure a full and effective spend of CRF/CVP resources by 31 March 2007. The Community Planning and Partnership Manager will continue to monitor the overall spend position until the end of the financial year and make any necessary and appropriate adjustments.

3. SMALL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND 2006/07

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 December 2006 Board meeting, the following allocations have been made from the Small Project Development Fund and are presented to the Board for information:

Dalmellington Primary School and Nursery Class Parents' Association: £2,000

To part finance a 4-day residential visit to Inverclyde Sports Facility for Primary 6/7 pupils.

Coalfield Communities Federation: £1,200

To assist with the costs associated with hosting a musical production entitled 'The Price of Coal' within the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area.

Patna Parent Teacher Association: £2,000

To part finance a 4-day residential visit to Inverclyde Sports Facility for Primary 7 pupils.

Lugar and Logan Community Council: £1,000

To part finance the upgrade of the kitchen equipment within the recently refurbished Logan Day Centre.

Play Equipment for Children with a Disability: £1,300

To purchase a range of play equipment for children with a disability, in particular, children who are wheelchair users attending Hillside School.

3.3 The above allocations ensure a full spend against the Small Project Development Fund for 2006/07.

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

4.1 As previously reported to the Board, the CRF allocation for 2007/08 is £3,274,000 including £20,000 carried forward from 2006/07. The CVP allocation for 2007/08 is £99,000, providing a combined allocation of £3,373,000

4.2 At the December 2006 Board meeting, Members allocated £1,330,000 to a range of projects in 2007/08, giving an overall allocation for 2007/08 of £2,929,500. Appendix 1 provides an overview of existing project allocations. The remaining balance, sitting within the Development Fund for further allocation, is £443,500. Detailed at Appendix 2 is a range of proposals for the Board's consideration.

4.3 In addition, 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. These are detailed as follows:

- **ICT in the Community** - A Lottery funding application was submitted in January 2007, with the anticipated date for a decision in June/July 2007. The project has requested £40,320 until the end of August 2007. **Recommendation:** £33,500 to cover staff costs (including severance pay, if required), sessional staff costs and mileage.
- **Addiction Prevention Project (DIVERT)** – A Lottery funding application was submitted in February 2007 and the outline application is to be considered in March 2007. **Recommendation:** £10,000 to allow the project to operate until the end of June 2007.

4.4 Subject to Board approval of the recommendations detailed at paragraph 4.3, the Development Fund balance for new projects, as detailed at Appendix 2, sits at £400,000.

5. CHALLENGE FUND 2007/08

5.1 Once again, East Ayrshire Council has agreed to allocate £65,000 to the CPP Board in 2007/08 to be utilised as a Challenge Fund for Community Planning programmes and activities. Funding bids to utilise these resources will be presented to a future Board meeting.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the CPP Board:

- i) notes and endorses the reallocation of the declared CRF under spend for Auchinleck One Stop Shop, as detailed at sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the report;
- ii) notes and endorses the reallocation of the declared CVP under spend for the North Federation of Community Groups, as detailed at sections 2.2 and 2.4 of the report;
- iii) notes the allocations made from the Small Project Development Fund since the last Board meeting;
- iv) approves the short fall funding for the exiting projects currently seeking external funding as detailed at paragraph 4.3;
- v) considers and approves the 2007/08 funding allocations as detailed at Appendix 2;
- vi) notes and welcomes the Challenge Fund allocation for 2007/08 from East Ayrshire Council; and
- vii) otherwise, notes the content of the report.

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23 February 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 2007/08	99,000
Total	£ 3,373,000

Project	CRF/CVP Agreed Allocation 2006/07	CRF/CVP Confirmed Allocations 9 March 2006 & 14 December 2006	Additional Comments
	£	£	
Additional Police Resources	200,000	200,000	
Aspirational Learning	5,000	5,000	
Breakfast Clubs	60,000	65,000	
Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC)	28,000	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	106,000	
CCTV	170,000	80,000	Allocation to reflect revenue costs only.
Coalfield Communities Federation *	48,250	40,000	
Coalfield Community Transport	63,000	63,500	
Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects	230,000	230,000	
CONDUIT	56,000	56,000	
Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) - Kilmarnock Town Centre	50,000	100,000	Allocation for Kilmarnock Town Centre regeneration only.
Dalmellington Youth Centre (The Zone)	62,000	68,000	Allocate £64,000 for core operating costs and £4,000 for one-off revenue purchases.
Development Fund	0	443,500	
East Ayrshire JobRotation	36,000	35,000	
East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY)	112,000	112,000	
East Ayrshire Woodlands	80,000	66,000	
Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement * (CVP part finance: £19,000)	90,000	95,000	
Environmental Hit Squad	260,000	130,000	6 months allocation to allow future sustainability to be considered.
Ethnic Minority Inclusion	40,000	40,000	
External Funding and Sustainability Worker	34,000	34,000	
Healthy Living Initiative	145,000	145,000	
New Sporting Futures	87,000	117,000	Incorporating £30,000 for Swimming Pool Development Programme.
North Federation *	39,500	40,000	
Recreation Partnership Project	135,000	135,000	
Research Officer	26,000	27,000	
Small Project Development Fund	20,000	20,000	
Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre	45,000	10,000	
Wraparound Early Years Care	277,000	245,000	
yipworld.com	120,000	120,000	
Youth Outreach	145,000	146,000	
Core Support	260,000	290,000	
Monitoring and Evaluation	70,000	75,000	
TOTAL COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME	3,099,750	3,373,000	

* Denotes Community Voices Programme funding

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COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND - DEVELOPMENT FUND BIDS 2007/08

Available budget subject to approval of the recommendations detailed at 4.4 of the report: £400,000

Project Name/Applicant	Project Detail	Requested Finance £	Recommended Funding Allocation 2007/08 £	Comments
East Ayrshire Carers Centre	To assist with the refurbishment costs of the Carers Centre's planned new premises in Cumnock	70,000	Defer	Recommendation: Defer The CPP Board is asked to defer consideration of this application until the premises have been secured and all external funding opportunities explored.
East Ayrshire North Communities Federation	To meet the rental costs of the North Federation's Office in Kilmarnock	2,000	2,000	Recommendation: Support The North Federation is currently exploring opportunities to secure DDA compliant premises in the Foregate, Kilmarnock. In addition to the £2,000, the CPP Board is asked to consider, at a future date, an allocation to part fund the refurbishment/development of these premises if deemed suitable, subject to the availability of Challenge Fund resources in 2007/08.
Barony 'A' Frame Restoration Project	To part fund the landscaping costs for the Barony 'A' frame restoration project	28,000	28,000	Recommendation: Support The 'A' Frame project has secured over £1.2million from 10 different funders. Due to the adverse weather conditions at the turn of the year and Health and Safety requirements, the landscaping costs have increased by £28,000. The project has exhausted all external funding opportunities and this allocation would complete the overall restoration programme.

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Atrium Homes	To establish a Voluntary Management Scheme open to all owners within the estates where it has a property-holding interest	No details provided	Nil	Recommendation: Refuse Atrium Homes to progress 'in house' or explore external funding opportunities directly with Communities Scotland.
Raising Educational Attainment for Looked After and Accommodated Young People	To pilot a programme of intensive tutoring and ICT support to raise the overall attainment level of Looked After and Accommodated Children	150,000	150,000	Recommendation: Support A priority issue to meet the requirements of the ROA.
Employability Programme – Working For Families	To up-skill a number of individuals in employment growth areas within East Ayrshire, for example, construction, administration and finance, and childcare, as appropriate, and support people to return to work	167,820	70,000	Recommendation: Support A priority issue to meet the requirements of the ROA.
Auchinleck One Stop Shop	To part fund the development of a One Stop Shop facility in Auchinleck. Previous commitment given by CPP Board to overall development.	150,000	150,000	Recommendation: Support Ring fence resources for six months. Progress report to be submitted to the CPP Board in June 2007.
Total Recommended Allocation:			400,000	
Remaining Development Fund Balance:			Nil	