



## FINANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 14 December 2006

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on a range of financial issues, in particular, the recommendations for project financial allocations in 2007/08.

### 2. COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME 2006/07

- 2.1 As previously reported, the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and Community Voices Programme (CVP) allocation 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 this point, all projects have confirmed an anticipated full spend against these resources; however, the Board is requested to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the CPP Board and the Operational Sub-Group, to make any necessary revisions and reallocations, where appropriate, to ensure a full spend by 31 March 2007. Any reallocation of resources would be made in line with the Regeneration Outcome Agreement and reported retrospectively to the Board.

### 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 No funding allocations have been made since the last meeting and the balance for future allocation remains at £7,500. Once again, it is anticipated that there will be a full spend against this budget.

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

- 4.1 When preparing the Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA), Board members will recall that Community Planning Partners agreed to develop a two-year, rather than a three-year, funding package in order to align the CRF allocation for 2007/08 with the four-yearly review of the Community Plan Action Plans. Communities Scotland endorsed this proposal, subject to the year three financial package being presented to the agency for overall 'sign off'. Initially, the two-year funding package applied to

all projects and initiatives supported via CRF resources, with the exception of the following projects, which received three-year funding:

- 'flagship' projects;
- community planning community capacity building projects; and
- core operating costs.

4.2 As a result of the Project Annual Review meetings in October/November 2005, the Board endorsed a proposal to allocate 2007/08 funds to those projects which secured maximum points during the review process. This resulted in 4 projects being provided with an indicative financial allocation for 2007/08.

4.3 The future funding and sustainability of the remaining CRF projects and initiatives continued to be considered as part of the wider Community Planning Review process.

4.4 At the CPP Board meeting of 28 September 2006, Members agreed to exit CRF/CVP funding from a range of existing projects, with some projects either being mainstreamed or their practice mainstreamed. In addition, Members agreed to consider the funding allocation for the remaining projects at the end of the 2006 Annual Review process.

## **5. ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS 2006**

5.1 At the CPP Board on 28 September 2006, Members agreed to implement a more streamlined Project Annual Review process for 2006. As a result of this, 21 projects participated in a formal annual review meeting during October and early November 2006.

5.2 Detailed at the appendix to the report are the recommendations arising from the Project Annual Review process. Members will note that of the 21 projects reviewed, 3 initiatives were deemed 'flagship' projects and had already been advised of an indicative funding allocation for 2007/08. The recommendation arising from the Review Panel is that these indicative allocations for 2007/08 should now be confirmed. The projects include:

- North Federation;
- Coalfield Communities Federation; and
- New Sporting Futures.

5.3 As both Federations were included within the original ROA projections, these allocations can be confirmed by the Board. In respect of New Sporting Futures, its allocation along with the remaining 2007/08 allocations will require Communities Scotland's 'sign off'. A letter containing the draft recommendations in respect of the 2007/08 CRF and CVP programme was issued to Communities Scotland on 21 November 2006 and a decision on overall 'sign off' is currently awaited.

5.4 Of the 21 projects reviewed, including 3 projects recommended for exit from CRF resources at 31 March 2007 by the Board at its last meeting, namely Auchinleck One Stop Shop; Play and Activity Motivator (Early Years); and ICT in the Community, 17 are recommended for continuation funding, with the recommendations for the remaining one project detailed below:

- Environmental Hit Squad – recommendation for six months funding only, from April to September 2007, to allow East Ayrshire Council to consider future sustainability.

5.5 Subject to Board approval of the recommendations detailed at the Appendix to the report a balance of £429,500 will remain within the Development Fund for future allocation by the Board in 2007/08. The Board is asked to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to bring forward a range of financial proposals, linked to the Community Plan four-yearly review, to a future meeting.

## **6. COMMUNITY PLANNING CHALLENGE FUND 2006/07**

6.1 As a result of financial allocations against the 2006/07 Challenge Fund, a balance of £55,300 remains. However, we have been advised by colleagues in the Council's Department of Development and Property Services that they have not utilised the £6,000 financial allocation awarded by the CPP Board on 9 March 2006 for Social Enterprise Support. The finance was to be utilised to part fund a Social Enterprise Support Worker for two years; however, due to the Social Enterprise Support consultation exercise taking longer than anticipated, the outcomes of this process have not been finalised.

6.2 As a consequence of this, the £6,000 has now been reclaimed, giving a new balance of £61,300.

6.3 During the review process, the New Sporting Futures project identified an ambition, in the future, to secure a new athletics track in the Kilmarnock area. The total cost of this project would be approximately £800,000 and the Board is asked to allocate the remaining balance of the 2006/07 Challenge Fund to this project, which would act as a lever to secure additional funding. Subject to Board approval, the finance will be 'ring-fenced' for six months to allow a range of funding applications to be prepared and submitted.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 It is recommended that the CPP Board:

- i) endorses the recommendations arising from the project review process, as detailed at Appendix 1;
- ii) notes that the 2007/08 allocations, with the exception of the two Federations, are subject to 'sign off' by Communities Scotland;
- iii) remit the CPPM to bring forward a range of proposals to utilise the 2007/08 Development Fund balances;
- iv) agrees to allocate the remaining balance of the Challenge Fund as a lever to attract resources to establish an athletics track in Kilmarnock; and
- v) otherwise, notes the content of the report.

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**27 November 2006**

## EAST AYRSHIRE

## COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 3,373,000</b>

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

Project	CRF/CVP Agreed Allocation 2006/07 £	CRF/CVP Confirmed Allocation CPPB 9 March 2006 £	CRF/CVP Requested Finance 2007/08 £	Review Panel Recommendation 2007/08 £	Additional Comments
Additional Police Resources	200,000	TBC	200,000	200,000	
Aspirational Learning	5,000	TBC	5,000	5,000	
Breakfast Clubs	60,000	TBC	65,000	65,000	
Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC)	28,000	TBC	33,700	34,000	Allocate £28,000. Ring fence £6,000 for further consideration regarding impact of shared costs with Libraries. Review in 3 months.
Carer and Young Carer Support	106,000	106,000		106,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
CCTV	170,000	TBC	150,000	80,000	Reduced allocation to reflect revenue costs only.
Coalfield Communities Federation *	48,250	40,000		40,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Coalfield Community Transport	63,000	63,500		63,500	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and Projects	230,000	230,000		230,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
CONDUIT	56,000	TBC	56,000	56,000	
Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) - Kilmarnock Town Centre	50,000	TBC	150,000	100,000	Allocation for Kilmarnock Town Centre regeneration only.
Dalmellington Youth Centre (The Zone)	62,000	TBC	68,000	68,000	Allocate £64,000 for core operating costs and £4,000 for one-off revenue purchases.
Development Fund	0	TBC	0	429,500	
East Ayrshire JobRotation	36,000	TBC	35,000	35,000	
East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY)	112,000	112,000		112,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
East Ayrshire Woodlands	80,000	TBC		80,000	Ring fence £80,000. Await the outcome of the project review.
Effective Community Participation, Consultation and Engagement * (CVP part finance: £19,000)	90,000	95,000		95,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Environmental Hit Squad	260,000	TBC	260,000	130,000	Recommend 6 months allocation to allow the Council to give consider to future sustainability.
Ethnic Minority Inclusion	40,000	TBC	40,000	40,000	
External Funding and Sustainability Worker	34,000	34,000		34,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Healthy Living Initiative	145,000	145,000		145,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
New Sporting Futures	87,000	87,000		87,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
North Federation *	39,500	40,000		40,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Recreation Partnership Project	135,000	135,000		135,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Research Officer	26,000	27,000		27,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Small Project Development Fund	20,000	TBC	20,000	20,000	
Swimming Pool Development Programme	94,000	TBC	30,000	30,000	Incorporate the project and finance into New Sporting Futures.
Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre	45,000	TBC	10,000	10,000	
Wraparound Early Years Care	277,000	TBC	245,000	245,000	
yipworld.com	120,000	120,000		120,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Youth Outreach	145,000	TBC	146,000	146,000	
Core Support	260,000	290,000		290,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
Monitoring and Evaluation	70,000	75,000		75,000	2007/08 allocation agreed by CPPB on 9 March 2006.
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME</b>	<b>3,193,750</b>	<b>1,599,500</b>	<b>1,513,700</b>	<b>3,373,000</b>	

\* Denotes Community Voices Programme funding