



## FINANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 4 December 2003

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Board on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects supported by funding available to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP).

### 2. COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP CORE BUDGET ALLOCATION 2003/04

- 2.1 The 2003/04 core budget allocation from Communities Scotland to the SIP is £2,181,098.
- 2.2 As reported earlier to the Board, £2,176,000 of this allocation has been committed across a range of projects leaving an unallocated balance of £5,098.

### 3. SIP PROJECT UPDATE 2003/04

- 3.1 Over the last month, all of the projects receiving funding from the SIP with the exception of five of the projects that have already been allocated an indicative funding allocation for 2004/05, participated in a formal annual review.
- 3.2 The five remaining projects will be formally reviewed in the spring of 2004, however all of these five projects have confirmed that they will have a full spend of their 2003/04 budget. The projects are:
- yipworld.com
  - Recreation Partnership Project
  - Coalfield Communities Transport
  - Coalfield Communities Federation
  - Healthy Living Initiative (CHIP van).
- 3.3 All of the projects reviewed, with the exception of Community Learning Opportunities and Dalrymple Youth Project, have confirmed that they will have a full spend on their 2003/04 budget.
- 3.4 As a result of the departure of the Community Learning Opportunities' Project Worker in December 2003, it is anticipated that the project will have an underspend of approximately £5,000. It is therefore proposed that this underspend be reclaimed by the SIP and utilised for other purposes.

- 3.5 In respect of Dalrymple Youth Provision, the tender for the building work to extend their premises is due to be returned on 5 December 2003. If there is an acceptable tender then it is anticipated that work will commence in January 2004 with an anticipated completion date of late Spring 2004. The project spend of £70,000 will however require to be monitored over the remaining funding period. To ensure a full spend of these funds, the Board is asked to remit the Implementation Group to take any necessary remedial action to ensure the project is realised and a full spend on the SIP budget is made, reporting back any decisions to a future Board meeting.
- 3.6 Subject to the Board agreeing to reclaim the £5,000 from the Community Learning Opportunities Project, the SIP core budget unallocated balance will stand at £10,098.
- 3.7 To ensure a full spend on the core budget it is proposed that this finance be used to firstly finance the independent evaluation of yipworld.com, previously approved at the last Board meeting.
- 3.8 Secondly, it is proposed that the remaining balance be used to part finance Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust to update their Dunaskin brochure with a view to increasing the number of tourists in 2004 and undertake some essential health and safety work around an existing display site.
- 3.9 Subject to the Board's agreement on these two elements of funding, the SIP's core budget will be fully committed and spent for 2003/04.

#### **4. SIP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

- 4.1 Since the last meeting, one allocation has been made from the SIP Project Development Fund and is presented to the Board for noting:
- East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY) – The sum of £1,200 has been provided to the EASY project to assist the initiative with marketing and promotion. The funds have been used to develop, design and purchase display boards.
- 4.2 This leaves a remaining balance within the Project Development Fund of £5,090. It is anticipated that this budget will be fully spent by 31 March 2004.

#### **5. COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP – FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2004/05**

- 5.1 Communities Scotland has confirmed a core budget allocation to the SIP for 2004/05 of £2,181,098. Confirmation has also been received of further support for 2004/05 to support Community Engagement in the SIP and Community Planning process totalling £60,000.
- 5.2 As yet, no additional provision has been made in respect of Tackling Drugs Misuse funding, however a decision on this is currently awaited from

Communities Scotland, the outcome of which will be reported to the Board in due course.

- 5.3 In response to the issues raised at the review meetings, a proposed schedule for project spend for 2004/05 is detailed at Appendix 1. If the total allocation of £1,229,000 from the core budget is approved, a balance of £952,098 will remain.
- 5.4 Further proposals to utilise the remainder of the 2004/05 core budget and Empowering Communities budget will be presented to a future Board meeting.
- 5.5 Over the past year, work has taken place to put in place a management structure for the Community Planning and Partnership Unit that will assist both the SIP Board and the Community Planning Partners effectively implement the integration of social inclusion to community planning and strategically drive forward the social justice and community regeneration agendas. As a result of this process the following changes have been made:
- Manager Social Inclusion redesignated as Community Planning and Partnership Manager
  - Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer Post created.
- 5.6 In order to ensure that operationally the SIP and Community Planning Partners are able to respond to the growing and developing agenda, it is now proposed that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager be remitted to review the longer term requirements for the SIP Support Team.
- 5.7 To ensure that this exercise is completed timeously it is proposed that the Manager report her findings to the Implementation Group and action is taken to establish an effective operational structure early in the New Year. All decisions will then require to be reported to the Board.

## **6. STRATHCLYDE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP**

- 6.1 The responsibility for making comment, on behalf of the Board, on applications submitted for European Partnership funding relating to the Coalfield SIP area is delegated to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager. This quarter, two relevant applications were considered and the following recommendations were made:
- The European Centre for Creativity – Kilmarnock College  
Total Project Value - £667,860. Recommendation - Approval
  - Ayrshire Business in the Community – Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire  
Total Project Value - £156,000. Recommendation - Approval
- 6.2 The outcome of these applications is awaited.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) agree to reclaim the anticipated underspend of £5,000 from the Community Learning Opportunities Project;
- ii) remit the Implementation Group to take any necessary action to ensure the full spend of SIP finance related to the Dalrymple project;
- iii) note the allocation of £1,200 to the EASY project from the SIP Project Development Fund;
- iv) agree the allocations for 2004/05 as detailed at Appendix 1 and to receive further reports on future project allocations;
- v) note the recommendations for support made on behalf of the SIP to Strathclyde European Partnership; and
- vi) otherwise note the content of the report.

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**26 November 2003**

**East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP)  
Proposed Schedule of Project Spend – 2004/05 (as at 26 November 2003)**

Project Name	Proposed Financial Allocation 2004/05 £	Comments
CONDUIT	56,000	European funding and additional match funding secured for 2004.
E.A.S.Y.	68,000	Indicative allocation of £68,000 proposed, further consideration of sustainability review required.
East Ayrshire Works	120,000	East Ayrshire Employment Initiative and the Employment Working Group to consider longer term funding options for programme.
Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC)	28,500	European funding and additional match funding secured for 2004 - project funding package and timeframe now in line with CONDUIT as managing body.
Individual Employment Fund	20,000	Ongoing support required - possible options for operating across East Ayrshire to be considered.
East Ayrshire Woodlands	TBC	Await the outcome of an evaluation of the existing training programme and development of the new strategy. Likely January 2004.
Healthy Living Initiative (C.H.I.P. Van)	40,000	Project review to be completed Spring 2004.
Community Food Initiative	10,000	Remit Community Planning and Partnership Manager to consider in conjunction with the CHIP van the options for the continuation of the Community Food Workers.
Creative Skills	30,000	Review development plan September 2004.
Community Learning Opportunities	TBC	Two elements of the programme mainstreamed - ongoing discussions to explore funding/operational options for the Virtual Baby Project.
Community Environmental Action Plan	170,000	Finance to ensure realisation of Restoring Communities Programme and additional community action plans. SIP Board to consider future funding package to assist the development of the One Stop Shop in Auchinleck.
YIPWORLD.com	100,000	Project review to be completed Spring 2004.
Recreation Partnership Group	105,000	Project review to be completed Spring 2004.
Older People Day Care User Groups	NIL	Mainstreamed.
Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union	TBC	To be considered on outcome of State Aid issue.
Young Carers Initiative	42,500	Indicative funding package of £42,500 - possible reduction on funding element on completion of review of project by Education and Social Services.
Satellite Carers Centre	45,000	Indicative funding package of £45,000 - possible reduction on funding element on completion of review of project by Education and Social Services.
Alternatives to Addiction	42,500	Core budget allocation of £42,000 to allow for full consideration of pending programme review.
Alternatives to Addiction (Community Drugs Worker)	30,000	Core budget allocation of £30,000 - possible transfer to Tackling Drugs Misuse budget if successfully secured.
Princes Trust Volunteers	8,500	Reduction in budget due to Kilmarnock College's commitment to additional resource provision. SIP to give commitment to supporting the project secure appropriate premises. Kilmarnock College to mainstream beyond 31 March 2005.
Arts for Adults with Disabilities	NIL	Mainstreamed.
Community Capacity Building/Aspirational Learning	NIL	Mainstreamed.

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Proposed Financial Allocation 2004/05</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Children's Holiday Project	NIL	Application submitted to Community Fund - SIP to consider financing the project for one year in case project application is unsuccessful. Review Spring 2004.
Coalfield Community Transport	45,000	Project review to be completed Spring 2004.
Coalfield Community Federation	15,000	Project review to be completed Spring 2004.
SIP Project Development	15,000	As per last years budget level.
Bilingual Centre Development	30,000	Proposed budget allocation for 2004/05 may reduce dependent on outcome of Planning Partners' deliberations.
Investment in Drama	62,000	Indicative allocation, further consideration of sustainability review required. Consideration to be given in principle to supporting the redevelopment of the Baird Institute as an arts venue.
Ayrshire ICT Social Enterprise (AEC)	TBC	Await the outcome of the independent consultancy report on AEC options for sustainability. Revisit Spring 2004.
Ayrshire Key Fund	TBC	Explore further funding options across Ayrshire SIPs.
Family Centre Development	NIL	Mainstreamed.
Active Citizenship	TBC	Options for future support to encourage young people to become more active citizens to be explored. Options to be presented to a future Board meeting.
Sport and Social Inclusion	NIL	No funding required at present - review progress mid year.
Dalrymple Youth Provision	TBC	Further funding to be considered to ensure completion of capital build and ongoing revenue support. Spring 2004.
Job Rotation	20,000	European funding and partner agency contributions confirmed for 2004.
Cumnock Swimming Pool	NIL	Consideration to be given to future revenue costs. Report back to Board 2004.
Council of Voluntary Organisations (Kickstart)	TBC	To be confirmed after National CVO review is completed. Spring 2004.
Volunteer Centre	11,000	Partner agencies to give full consideration to future funding options.
Dalmellington Youth Centre	TBC	Revisit funding package mid year.
Burns House Museum	NIL	Mainstreamed.
Outdoor Access Project	NIL	Project financial package secured.
Rugby Development Initiative	NIL	Project financial package secured.
SIP Support Team	85,000	Subject to review - interim financial package as per previous Board decisions.
SIP Admin Charge	30,000	£30,000 - level of contribution to be reviewed. Report back Spring 2004.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,229,000</b>	