

Fairer Scotland Fund: Report from Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership

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1. Purpose of report

To provide an update on the recommendations on allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund to projects in the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership area.

2. Main report

Priorities

- 2.1 At their meetings on 6 and 20 June the Edinburgh Partnership agreed a Fairer Scotland Fund funding allocation for each Neighbourhood Partnership based on the proportional share of the population in the 5% composite index band. The three criteria agreed by the Partnership were to address Employability, Health Inequalities and Early Intervention.
- 2.2 The main priorities for the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership, based on the Edinburgh Index of Deprivation statistics and also taking into account the priorities as identified in the community plan, are outcomes for addressing Health Inequalities and Early Intervention, with some funding for programmes of activity to address employability and greater participation in the labour market.

Allocation

- 2.3 The allocated FSF award to Inverleith for 2009/10 amounts to £139,784 and an indicative amount of £139,606 in 2010/11. In addition, £34,390 remains unallocated from 2008/2009.

2.4 It was agreed to carry this amount over to leave total fund to be disbursed of **£174,174**. Awards recommended are based on programmes of activity, current income streams, and possible potential for mainstreamed or strategic funds.

Process

2.5 At its meeting of 22 September 2008, the Neighbourhood Partnership established a funding panel with membership consisting of local Councillors and Community Councillors, supported by SfC and Children and Families neighbourhood teams.

2.6 A decision making protocol was agreed, where recommendations would be made to the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting for decision.

2.7 The funding panel's recommendations were robust, transparent and based on the following:

- The clear ability of the project in question to meet the agreed FSF criteria
- The level of activity by each project within the Inverleith Ward
- Individual project assessments against the agreed FSF guidance and evidence that their planned activities would deliver the agreed local outcomes.
- Consideration of project assessment of costs of their service delivery within Inverleith, where given
- Level of FSF funding available within Inverleith

2.8 The panel considered 13 applications for funding from formerly funded Forth CRF projects. Taking into account the above considerations the Funding Panel recommended that the following projects should not be considered for FSF funding.

- North Edinburgh Arts- did not sufficiently meet criteria. Recommended to submit Community Grants fund application to Inverleith to support arts events in the area.
- Stepping Stones- did meet criteria but limited programmes of activity and small numbers of service users.
- Muirhouse Millennium Centre-limited programmes of activity and small number of service users in Inverleith

2.9 The funding panel then received presentations from 10 local projects, which currently provide a service in the 5% most deprived area of the Inverleith Ward, according to the Edinburgh Index of Deprivation (i.e. Drylaw Telford area):

- Black Community Development Project
- Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre
- Granton Information Centre

- North Edinburgh Business Incubator
- North Edinburgh Childcare
- North Edinburgh News
- North West Carers Centre
- North Edinburgh Trust
- Pilton Equalities Project
- Pilton Community Health Project – Women Supporting Women

3. Financial Implications

£174,000 of the available FSF budget of £174,174 will be expended if the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees the recommendations contained in this Report.

4. Environmental Impact

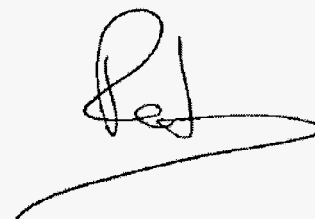
There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Following careful consideration of each project taking into account the process referred to 2.8 above it is recommended that the Neighbourhood Partnership agree awards of FSF to each project as follows:-

Project:	Recommendation :
• Black Community Development Project	£10,000
• Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre	£62,000
• Granton Information Centre	£16,000
• North Edinburgh Business Incubator	£3,000
• North Edinburgh Childcare	£31,000
• North Edinburgh News	£11,000
• North West Carers Centre	£19,000
• Pilton Equalities Project	£15,000
• Pilton Community Health Project – Women Supporting Women	£7,000
• North Edinburgh Trust	No award recommended
• Muirhouse Millennium Centre	No award recommended
• Stepping Stones	No award recommended
• North Edinburgh Arts	No award recommended
TOTAL Recommended 2009/2010	£174,000

- 5.2 Details of the reasons the Funding Panel came to these recommendations are given in Appendix 1.
- 5.3 These recommendations are made in principle subject to clear agreement with projects on targets and outcomes in line with FSF requirements. Full details of justification for these recommendations are given in Appendix 1.



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Appendices	1. Project recommendations
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Wards affected	Inverleith
Single Outcome Agreement	The Fairer Scotland Fund Investment Strategy will be incorporated into the Single Outcome Agreements 2009
Background Papers	

Appendix 1 – Recommendations

Project:	Recommendation :	Rationale:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Community Development Project 	£10,000	Funded under early intervention and employability outcomes. Approximately 10% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Project recommended to continue developing citywide links and to take part in future commissioning by strategic partnerships.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre 	£62,000	Funded under early intervention and health inequalities outcomes. Approximately 59% of client base currently living in Inverleith, with aim of targeting 100%. Project recommended to further investigate mainstream funding from Children and Families.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granton Information Centre 	£16,000	Funded under employability, early intervention and health inequalities outcomes. Approximately 18% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Noted that a review of advice services was currently ongoing and may impact on GIC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Edinburgh Business Incubator 	£3,000	Funded under employability outcomes. Approximately 10% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Noted current Chamber of Commerce funding and recommended that project seek continued funding from that source.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Edinburgh Childcare 	£31,000	Funded under employability, early intervention and health inequalities. Award recommended to support subsidised childcare during transitional period of employment and to support training opportunities in the Inverleith area. Approximately 18% of client base (parents, children and students) currently living in Inverleith.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Edinburgh News 	£11,000	Funded under outcomes employability and health inequalities. Funding to continue distribution in Drylaw Telford area, continuing door-to-door delivery, and to explore funding options to extend this throughout Inverleith ward. Approximately 15% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Noted that work for further coverage in INP area is ongoing and recommended that NEN discuss a community grants application to

		support preparation of an extended business plan. It was also noted further coverage could potentially increase advertising revenue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North West Carers Centre 	£19,000	Funded under early intervention and health inequalities outcomes. Approximately 33% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Noted Respite Care Funding that will be awarded to CEC Health and Social Care and recommended project seek funding from this source.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Edinburgh Trust 	No award recommended	Project application was for funding to support NETWORK project, which is a new project. Because of this, evidence of meeting outcomes were based on projections and possibly limited potential for engagement with young people in Inverleith.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilton Equalities Project 	£15,000	Funded under employability and health inequalities outcomes, particularly the volunteering opportunities and improving mental health of people in Inverleith. Approximately 45% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Funding to be focused on these programmes of activity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilton Community Health Project – Women Supporting Women 	£7,000	Funded under early intervention and health inequalities outcomes. Approximately 11% of client base currently living in Inverleith. Noted potential for accessing mainstream funds, particularly from Health.
Total recommendations for 2009/10:	£174,000	