
Report To:	Policy and Resources Committee	Date:	26 th May 2009
Report By:	Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	P+R/09/05/01/SJ/SJ
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Subject:	Fairer Scotland Fund – Unallocated Funds		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek delegated authority for the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources to implement measures to award unallocated funds within the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF), on behalf of the Inverclyde Alliance.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scottish Government awarded Inverclyde's Community Planning Partnership, the Inverclyde Alliance, £6.47m in the financial year 2008/09 and £6.12m in the financial year 2009/10, under the fund known as the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 2.2 The Inverclyde Alliance, through a series of meetings, decided that full procurement be undertaken for the disbursement of the Fairer Scotland Fund, whilst maintaining service provision under transitional arrangements for specific projects.
- 2.3 As a result of the procurement process, 44 contracts have now been awarded and following the review of both transitional and contract awards, a sum of £284,185 remains to be allocated.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 29th April 2009, the Alliance Board agreed to remit to the Appraisal Group, which is responsible for monitoring FSF performance, to seek expressions of interest from all projects, via the Council as accountable body, to expand their existing provision which would enhance the existing service provision, for these unallocated funds and any further funds which may arise as a result of slippage within the fund.
- 2.5 The Alliance Board further agreed to request authorisation for the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources to obtain services, up to an individual value of £50,000, via Inverclyde Council as accountable body, following recommendation from the Appraisal Group for any unallocated funds (FSF).

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That delegated authority be remitted to the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources, in administering the FSF, on behalf of the Inverclyde Alliance to:

- 3.1 Seek expressions of interest from all current FSF projects to expand their existing provision which would enhance the existing service provision within the FSF, for these unallocated funds and any further funds which arise as a result of slippage within the fund.
- 3.2 To obtain services, up to an individual additional value of £50,000, following recommendation from the Appraisal Group for any unallocated funds within the Fairer Scotland Fund, based on these expressions of interest.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Government awarded Inverclyde's Community Planning Partnership, the Inverclyde Alliance, £6.47m in the financial year 2008/09 and £6.12m in the financial year 2009/10, under the fund known as the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- 4.2 The Inverclyde Alliance, through a series of meetings, decided that a full procurement process be undertaken for the disbursement of Fairer Scotland Funds, whilst maintaining service provision under transitional arrangements for 37 projects. The initial monetary allocation for the transitional projects was £2,625,225. Following review of these projects the interim project under spend has been identified as £143,882 and these monies have been reclaimed back to the fund.
- 4.4 As a result of the procurement process, 44 contracts have now been awarded, the last of which was on the 1st of February 2009 for the Neighbourhood Development function with a contract value of £304,691. The total award of contracts is £8,783,184. This leaves an unallocated figure of £140,303.
- 4.5 Following the review of both transitional and contract awards a sum of £284,185 remains to be allocated, and it is anticipated that due to the nature of the contracts established there may be further slippage. The Alliance Board, at its meeting on 29th April 2009, considered a report from the Appraisal Group on the progress of the Fairer Scotland Fund and requested that the Council, as accountable body, put in place measures to disburse any unallocated funds for extensions of current projects, on the recommendation of the Appraisal Group, on their behalf.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance:

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
n/a					

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a					

5.2 Personnel: There are no personnel implications

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation has taken place with legal and administration along with procurement.