

Report to CPP Management Committee - 18th April 2007

Regeneration Outcome Agreement – Community Regeneration Funding

There will be no additional allocation of CRF funds in response to the additional data zone identified in central Oban. All of the existing allocation has planned expenditure based on the baseline information and identified needs contained within the Regeneration Outcome Agreement.

That notwithstanding the Community Regeneration staff team are endeavouring, within existing resources, to undertake a needs analysis of the new data zone area and to include this area wherever possible in service activities to address the deprivation issues highlighted by the SIMD.

The CRF funding is due to end in March 2008 and as of yet there has been no firm indication if this will continue or at what funding level. The actual allocation for 2007/08 is £640,000, which through maximising the carry forward from the Better Neighbourhoods Services Fund, has been increased to £984,000.

It is unlikely based on current feedback from Communities Scotland and the Scottish Executive that any potential continuation of this funding will equal the current actual allocation level. It is therefore expected that we will experience a minimum reduction in funding of £344,000 post March 2008.

This has major implications for services and staff currently engaged in delivery of the ROA and we have highlighted to Communities Scotland the potential costs of redundancies and asked for clarification to who will fund those costs. If the liability lies with the CPP then a portion of the 2007/08 funding will require to be set aside to cover those costs. We will of course make every effort to avoid reaching a situation where staff are required to be made redundant.

Community Learning and Regeneration are organising a conference on 28th & 29th March fully funded by external partners, with the following objectives:-

- Consider role of Community Learning and Development in delivering Regeneration targets
- Share examples of good practice – especially in relation to sustainability
- Examine experiences of rural deprivation from other areas in Scotland
- Gain partnership commitments
- Relate Regeneration issues to new Community Plan
- Agree new strategy to tackle deprivation and regeneration across Argyll and Bute

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