

**S50. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND 2013/2014 MONITORING REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The committee considered a report by the Joint Acting Director of Education Services which provided an update on the work of external organisations in receipt of funding which provide services in relation to community development, and which fall within the Following the Public Pound (FPP) reporting and monitoring arrangements. The report covered the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

The report provided information on the key aims of community development and an overview of the funded organisations which contributed to community development. An individual report was appended for each of the organisations which received funding. Each report set out the service provided, the agreed outcomes/objectives and performance information.

The committee heard from officers in relation to the individual reports.

**(a) Denny Community Support – CLD Project**

Kenny McNeil provided an overview of the report advising that the organisation received £29,536 of Council funding. The project was assisted by 35 volunteers.

The committee discussed that future funding was a risk for all FPP organisations and that work to secure external funding should be encouraged.

**Decision**

**The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made by Denny Community Support – CLD Project in meeting Council priorities.**

**(b) Dennyloanhead Community Project – CLD Project**

Kenny McNeil provided an overview of the report advising that the organisation received £33,209 of Council funding. The annual footfall survey showed an increase in weekly users of the centre, from 730 last year to 777 this year.

**Decision**

**The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made by Dennyloanhead Community Project – CLD Project in meeting Council priorities.**

**(c) Powerstation (Whitecross) – CLD Project**

Kenny McNeil provided an overview of the report advising that the organisation received £45,120 of Council funding.

The committee asked what duration external funding had been secured for. Kenny McNeil advised that he would provide members with this information after the meeting.

**Decision**

**The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made by Powerstation (Whitecross) – CLD Project in meeting Council priorities.**

(d) Workers Education Association – CLD Project

Kenny McNeil provided an overview of the report advising that the organisation received £57,635 of Council funding.

**Decision**

**The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made by the Workers Education Association – CLD Project in meeting Council priorities.**

(e) CVS Falkirk & District

Andrew Wilson provided an overview of the report advising that the organisation received £133,148 of Council funding. He stated that areas of concern had been highlighted to the Chief Executive of CVS Falkirk & District.

The committee expressed concern that the organisation was not representing best value.

**Decision**

**The committee requested that CVS Falkirk & District attend a future meeting of the committee to provide further information on specific aspects of the service provided.**