



Scottish **Arts** Council

CFO name: Scottish Language Dictionaries	Reference number (GMS): G200801021		
Lead officer's recommendation			
Summarise your reasons for assessing the application as you have (drawing out the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and highlighting any specific risks):			
<p>Scottish Language Dictionaries (SLD) is a strategically essential and impressively committed organisation deserving of Scottish Arts Council support. This should not, however, weaken the substantial case for support for the nation's languages and the national language bodies being supported directly by the Scottish Executive, and within its Education, as opposed to Culture, portfolio, on the grounds that Scottish Arts Council should not be the sole funder. It is to be hoped that there will be a direct response to this within the Executive's formal response to the Cultural Commission.</p> <p>It has been a period of significant development for the organisation, particularly in the expansion of its outreach programme, both nationally and internationally, and it is working increasingly closely and effectively with relevant partners. Despite considerable effort and some success in fundraising, problems would loom under a standstill funding scenario, and it would seem essential that the organisation conducts a more strategic investigation into its fundraising strategy in the not too distant future. Similarly, in order to safeguard and sustain the organisation's ongoing achievements, it is recommended that expansion of the Board, and consolidation and rationalisation of the staffing structure, be undertaken.</p>			
Assessment:	High x	Medium	Low
Areas of concern:			
<p>Identify areas of concern drawn from the assessment which will inform the funding agreement for 2006/7 and future agreements / 12 month development plan (as applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy reliance on public subsidy• Staffing structure• Static income from subscriptions and book sales			

Development issues:

Identify development issues drawn from the assessment which will inform the funding agreement for 2006/7 and future agreements / 12 month development plan (as applicable)

- Board expansion
- Website development
- Expansion of international outreach
- Establishment of a new online Scots Language magazine

Lead Officer:

Date: 29 November 2005

Print name: Dr Gavin Wallace

Decision and authorisation

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Stage 2: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the sector ecosystem

Category for support

Essential **x**

Important

Partial

Based on the lead officer's assessment and match with the department ecosystem, summarise your reasons for assessing the application as you have (drawing out the strengths and weaknesses of the organisation and highlighting any specific risks). Identifying development areas.

The recommendation should clearly reflect the assessment.

Decision authorised:

Head of Department

Print name: Dr Gavin Wallace

Date 29 November 2005

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Stage 3: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the Corporate Synthesised scenario			
CFO name: Scottish Language Dictionaries		Reference number (GMS): G200801021	
Category for support		Flexible	
<p>Scottish Language Dictionaries' commendable work in placing language, culture and creativity at the heart of learning makes it an essential and unique national organisation. Its programme of work and its development plans correlate well to a change in UK government policy towards Scots, and the Cultural Commission's recommendation for an improved support structure for the language, both of which have added momentum to a positive climate of opportunity. This is therefore an ideal time for SLD to extend its important work into new areas. In the context of possible developments in structures and levels of support for the Scots language as summarised in the Executive's document <i>Scotland's Culture</i>, one-year funding is recommended in the first instance.</p>			
<p>Recommendation authorised:</p> <p>Head of Department Print name: Gavin Wallace, Head of Literature</p>			<p>Date 14 February 2006</p> <p>By 14 February 2006</p>

Stage 4: Group Heads			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Scottish Language Dictionaries		Reference number (GMS): G200801021	
Category for support		Flexible	
<p>Agree with the recommendation for flexible funding status and proposed increase in grant for 07/08</p>			
<p>Decision authorised:</p> <p>Group Head Print name: Jim Tough</p>			<p>Date 14.02.06</p> <p>By 14 February 2006</p>

Stage 5: Creative Arts Committee			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Scottish Language Dictionaries		Reference number (GMS): G200801021	
Category for support		Flexible	
Agreed as per Managers/Group Heads recommendations			
Committee Chair Print name: Jane Jeffrey (Vice Chair)		Date 24 February 2006	

Stage 6: Council			
Decision			
CFO name: Scottish Language Dictionaries		Reference number (GMS): G200801021	
Category for support		Flexible	
Approved flexible funding as per Managers/Group Heads and Committee recommendations			
Chairman Print name: Richard Holloway		Date 28 February 2006	