



Scottish **Arts** Council

CFO name: Scots Language Resource Centre	Reference number (GMS): G200801064		
Lead officer's recommendation			
<p>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> <p>Over the past two years the Scots Language Resource Centre (SLRC) has focused its energy on the issues of restructuring and governance, and has sought to lay the foundations on which a new 'Scots Language Centre', probably website as opposed to building-based, can be built. Within the limits of its existing funding settlement, SLRC has also made efforts to build up useful databases with the purpose of making the Centre and its work better known to a wider public. The monthly electronic diary has gone a significant way towards achieving this, and has heightened the Centre's profile and overall standing.</p> <p>A high quality re-branding exercise is nearing completion, which will allow the organisation to re-launch itself in 2006. The application therefore comes at a time when the organisation is set to undergo further change, with implications for its future funding status with Scottish Arts Council. The basis of the proposed changes are to be welcomed, in principle, at a time when there is a more positive climate towards the Scots language, which would make the potential 'modernisation' of SLRC a very appropriate step. It is therefore recommended that SLRC be encouraged to pursue this with the additional funding necessary to employ an information management specialist.</p> <p>Funding from 2007/08 onwards will be dependent on our approval of a suitably detailed business plan for the re-launched Centre. It is proposed that this should be submitted to Scottish Arts Council by October 2006.</p>			
Assessment:	High	Medium X	Low
<p>Areas of concern:</p> <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">• Limited staffing and financial resources• Low international profile• Inability to measure website traffic			

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)

- Subject to completion of re-branding, exploration of viability of a virtual Scots Language Centre
- Continue to develop partnerships with other Language and Literature agencies
- Continue to strengthen Board

Lead Officer:

Date: 7 December 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

Important

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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 7 December 2005

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Stage 3: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the Corporate Synthesised scenario			
CFO name: Scots Language Resource Centre		Reference number (GMS): G200801064	
Category for support		Flexible	
<p>The Scots Language Resource Centre is set to undergo a period of further change and restructuring. The basis of the proposed changes are to be welcomed at a time when there is a more positive climate towards the Scots language, which would make the potential 'modernisation' of SLRC a very appropriate step. It is therefore recommended that SLRC be encouraged to pursue this, with some additional funding to procure appropriate information management expertise. In the context of possible imminent developments in structures and levels of support for the Scots language as summarised in the Scottish Executive's document <i>Scotland's Culture</i>, one-year funding is recommended in the first instance.</p> <p>Funding from 2007/08 onwards will be dependent on our approval of a suitably detailed business plan for the re-launched Centre. It is proposed that this should be submitted to Scottish Arts Council by October 2006.</p>			
Recommendation authorised: Head of Department Print name: Gavin Wallace, Head of Literature			Date 14 February 2006 By 14 February 2006

Stage 4: Group Heads			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Scots Language Resource Centre		Reference number (GMS): G200801064	
Category for support		Flexible	
Agree with the recommendation for flexible status with a proposed increase in grant for 07/08 secure the required management expertise for their future development.			
Decision authorised: Group Head Print name: Jim Tough			Date 14.02.06 By 14 February 2006

Stage 5: Creative Arts Committee			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Scots Language Resource Centre		Reference number (GMS): G200801064	
Category for support		Flexible	
Agreed as per Managers/Group Heads recommendations and Committee hopes that flexible funding status will reinforce the need for the organisation to develop.			
Committee Chair Print name: Jane Jeffrey (Vice Chair)		Date 24 February 2006	

Stage 6: Council			
Decision			
CFO name: Scots Language Resource Centre		Reference number (GMS): G200801064	
Category for support		Flexible	
Approved flexible funding as per Managers/Group Heads and Committee recommendations			
Chairman Print name: Richard Holloway		Date 28 February 2006	