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The term ‘funding’ in this document refers to the receipt of any benefit, whether this is financial or is terms of goods or services of any type.

SDF is dependent on funding from four sources:

* The Scottish Government
* Local Authorities and Alcohol and Drug Partnerships.
* Charitable trusts and the Lottery.
* Commercial companies and charitable trusts directly linked to them.

**Scottish Government funding**

The Scottish Government provides SDF with funding to implement aspects of successive drug strategies. While such mutually agreed work is SDF’s core activity, the relationship with the Scottish Government brings the opportunity to influence the direction of drug policy by highlighting evidence based solutions to drug problems.

**Local Authorities, Alcohol and Drug Partnerships, independent charitable trusts and the Lottery**

Funding from these sources is tied to delivering specific projects and cannot be used for other purposes. SDF will not accept funds from charitable sources if these currently receive funding directly from commercial companies with major interests in the manufacture or sale of alcohol or tobacco. SDF is not in a position to screen the investment portfolios of charitable trusts.

**Commercial companies and charitable trusts directly linked to them**

SDF will apply the following criteria when considering receiving funding from commercial companies and their associated charitable wings:

* The company’s activities should not conflict with SDF’s mission statement and strategic plan.
* While companies are likely to want to publicize donations made, SDF’s logo must not be used by them.
* SDF will not endorse any particular product or support the use of one product over another.
* SDF will not facilitate access for commercial companies to third parties.
* SDF will not accept funds from commercial companies with major interests in the manufacture or sale of alcohol or tobacco or where to do so would expose SDF to significant reputational risk.
* Funding for research from commercial companies and charitable trusts owned , funded or controlled by them will normally only be accepted if it is channeled through an academic institution and has been approved by its ethical committee. Data produced will be owned by SDF and the academic institution concerned.
* If a company is advertising a product through SDF literature, at SDF conferences or in any other way connected with SDF, SDF will state that it does not endorse any product.
* SDF will provide commercial companies or their associated charitable wings with a copy of this policy.
* commercial relationships or funding shall not impact in any way on decisions regarding public facing materials such as bulletin articles, tweets, emergency information responses and the like.

**Decision making with regard to commercial companies and charitable trusts owned, funded or controlled by them**

Decisions regarding any funding over £5,000 will lie at Board level.

Decisions regarding funding from £1,000 to £5,000 will lie with the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer has authority to make decisions up to £1000.

**Transparency**

* This policy will be made available on the website.
* The annual report will list the names of all funders.

This policy was approved by the Board of SDF on 12th March 2014 and amended December 2015