

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET - 17 SEPTEMBER 2008

**GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION
EAST AYRSHIRE (SOUTH) FORUM ON DISABILITY**

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of a grant funding request from the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At Policy & Resources Committee of 7 February 2007 a report was presented by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support regarding future funding of East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel; and Kilmarnock Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability.
- 2.2 Policy & Resources Committee agreed that in the future, funding for these organisations should be submitted to Policy & Resources Committee and it is now appropriate to submit to Cabinet.
- 2.3 East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability was formed in 1996. The remit of the Forum is to promote the benefit of all disabled people with a physical, sensory or mental impairment who live within the south of East Ayrshire. The Forum also campaigns on disability issues.
- 2.4 East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is one of the key voluntary sector organisations involved in the Council's new Equalities Forum on Disability.

3. PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST

- 3.1 The purpose of the grant request is to support the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability in relation to general running costs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The amount of funding requested by the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is £2,820.
- 4.2 There is sufficient funding to support the funding request as set out in section 3. Annual provision of £13,390 has been made in 2008/09 within Central Services for Access Panels and Disability Forums.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. LEGAL/PERSONNEL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING

7.1 The provision of support to this group meets the overall aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan and supports the Council in terms of diversity and equality.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 A full grant assessment has been completed in respect of the grant application.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members of the Cabinet are asked to:

- i) agree to the funding request of £2,820 for the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and
- ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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TW/SR
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability Grant Application – TC4003

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