

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET –18 JUNE 2008

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS: EAST AYRSHIRE ACCESS PANEL (NORTH DISTRICT) AND CUMNOCK & DOON VALLEY ACCESS PANEL

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of a joint grant funding requests from the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel 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.
- 2.2** Policy & Resources Committee provided funding for 2007/08 and agreed that future funding for these organisations be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee and it is now appropriate to submit to Cabinet.
- 2.3** The remit of the Access Panels is to review all planning and building warrant applications that are submitted to East Ayrshire Council. When the comments made by the Panels are taken on board by the applicant / architect / agent, the facility will be designed to be more accessible to the majority of the community, irrespective of their age, mobility or gender.
- 2.4** East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel also promote the rights for access for all people with disabilities to all places, buildings and services and are key voluntary sector organisations involved in the Council's new Equalities Forum.

3. PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST

- 3.1** The purpose of the grant request is to support the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel in relation to general running costs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The joint amount of funding requested by the both Access Panel is £6911.50. This funding allocation consists of £4500 to East Ayrshire Access Panel

(North District) and £2411.50 to Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel.

- 4.2** There is sufficient funding to support the funding request as set out in section 4.1. Annual provision of £13,390 has been made in 2008/09 within Central Services for Access Panels and Disability Forums; no funds have been committed to Disability Forums to date.

5. LEGAL/PERSONNEL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Nil

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING

- 6.1** The provision of support to these groups meets the overall aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan in relation to Improving the Environment and supports the Council in terms of diversity and equality.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1** A full grant assessment has been completed in respect of the grant application.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** Cabinet is asked to:

- i) agree to the funding request of £6911.50 for the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel; and
- ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel Grant Application – TC3975

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