

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 21 APRIL 2010

## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

### Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of grant applications to Voluntary Organisations for 2010/11 and to make recommendations accordingly.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire promotes and develops volunteering opportunities across the Authority. In financial year 2009/10 they were awarded £12,000 towards core running costs.
- 2.2 The Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline offers 24 hour telephone support to those affected by domestic violence. The last funding award was made to the organisation in 2007.
- 2.3 The NSPCC (Childline in Scotland) Bullyline Project provides a free helpline to give support and give advice to children and young people experiencing bullying. The last funding award was made to the organisation in 2008.

#### 3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 All of the grant applications have been assessed by the Department of Educational and Social Services, Community Learning and Development Service.
- 3.2 A summary of the assessments for each organisation is noted in appendix 1 of this report.

#### 4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- 4.1 Previous financial awards are noted in appendix 1 along with the proposed funding recommendations for 2010/11. There is sufficient funding in Central Grants Fund to support the recommendations in the report.
- 4.2 It is proposed that Members consider the recommendations contained for grant aided support as detailed in appendix 1.

## **5. PERSONNEL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The grants have been assessed in accordance with the Councils procedures.

## **7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The aims and objectives of the organisations are compatible with East Ayrshire's Community Plan and Equalities Schemes.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 Members of Cabinet are asked to:

- (i) approve a grant of £12,000 to Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire;
- (ii) approve a grant of £500 to the Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline;
- (iii) approve a grant of £600 to NSPCC (Childline in Scotland) Bullying Line; and
- (iv) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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31 March 2010

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Grant Applications: Grant References: TC4464/TC4431/ TC4607.**

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## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2010/11 APPENDIX 1

| Organisation                                 | Assessment  | Funding Previously Awarded                                   | Recommendation   |
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| <p><b>Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire</b></p> | <p>The Volunteer Centre works to promote and organise Volunteering opportunities in East Ayrshire. The organisation also provides support and guidance to community groups applying to the Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS) to provide free disclosure checks for volunteers in the voluntary sector.</p> <p>The grant requested is to enable the Volunteer Centres to support groups to register with the CRBS for Disclosure Checks. The funding received from the Scottish government does not cover running costs for the work in relation to the CRBS.</p> <p>The Volunteer Centre has the undernoted funding secured for financial year 2010/11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Government £103,535</li> <li>• Department of Work and Pensions £6,240 (this is year 2 of 2 year funding)</li> <li>• Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Work £4,000.</li> </ul> <p>In 2009/10 the Volunteer Centre registered 571 new volunteers and currently 207 independent bodies registered with them who can provide volunteering opportunities within East Ayrshire. This includes the voluntary, statutory and private groups providing a wealth of options to work with.</p> <p>Support has been given to 13 new groups to register</p> | <p>The last funding award of £12,000 was made in 2009/10</p> | <p>It is recommended that funding of £12,000 is awarded for 2010/11.</p> <p>That the funding is released on a quarterly basis subject to the completion of project monitoring forms.</p> |

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|  | <p>with CRBS and to complement this process, the volunteer provides additional training support in areas such as volunteer management issues, CBS awareness training, protection of vulnerable adults group, policy development with regards to volunteer matters.</p> <p>The Volunteer Centre also continues to support volunteering opportunities at a strategic level in East Ayrshire Council as a partner in the Promoting Lifelong Learning Partnership. They also contribute to the targets within the Community Planning and the Single Outcome Agreement.</p> |  |   |
| <p><b>Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline</b></p>         | <p>The Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline offers telephone support to those affected by domestic violence. The funding requested is to support 50 volunteers to attend the Helpline's annual conference to be held in May.</p> <p>The work of the organisation is in line with the Councils Gender Equalities Scheme and the prevention of domestic abuse is reflected in the Improving Community Safety theme of the Community Plan.</p>  | <p>The last funding award of £500 was made in June 2007. This was the last application received.</p> | <p>It is recommended that funding of £500 is awarded for 2010/11.</p> |
| <p><b>NSPCC (Childline in Scotland) Bully Line</b></p> | <p>The aim of the Bullying Line project is to provide support and advice to children and young people</p>  | <p>East Ayrshire Council has</p>   | <p>It is recommended that funding of £600 is awarded for 2010/11.</p> |

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|              | <p>experiencing bullying. The free helpline which also includes SMS and Email operates 7 days a week. The helpline also receives calls from adults concerned about bullying of the children. In addition, the organisation also provides training to volunteers who provide a device of support by phone or online 24 hours a day.</p> <p>This organisation covers the whole of Scotland and it is difficult to identify or be specific about the number of contacts from East Ayrshire due to confidentiality issues. However, the work of the Bullying Line is in line with the Respect Me, Scotland's Anti Bullying Service funded by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The funding requested is to assist with the costs of the helpline and the training of volunteers. The organisation has made funding requests to local authorities in Scotland and 6 are currently supporting them in relation to funding ranging from £515 to £2,200.</p> | <p>awarded funding to the organisation since June 2005 with the last award being made in June 2008 for £656.</p> <p>No application was received in 2009/10.</p> | <p>That a recommendation is made to the organisation to identify more clearly the impact on East Ayrshire for future funding awards.</p> |