

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 21 MAY 2008

SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of:-
- a. a request for financial assistance which has been received from the Scottish Refugee Council; and
 - b. to recommend accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Refugee Council has submitted an application for financial assistance for the sum of £2,000.
- 2.2 The Scottish Refugee Council provides help and advice to those who have fled persecution in their homeland and now seek refuge in Scotland. It works independently and in partnership with others to support refugees from their arrival to settlement and integration into Scottish society. It campaigns to ensure that the Government meets international, legal and humanitarian obligations and raises awareness of refugee issues.
- 2.3 In previous years the then Policy and Resources Committee has considered and rejected requests for funding from the Scottish Refugee Council as it was considered that the Council's support for this area of work was best channelled through the Ethnic Minority Law Centre.
- 2.4 Support for the Ethnic Minority Law Centre remains and Cabinet will be recommended to continue financial support in a report being submitted in the current cycle.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Having regard to the Council's previous position that support of the area of work provided by the Scottish Refugee Council was best channelled through the Ethnic Minority Law Centre, it is proposed that the application for funding submitted by the Scottish Refugee Council be rejected.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Cabinet is recommended to:-

- a. reject the application for grant funding from the Scottish Refugee Council;
and
- b. ask the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to communicate this decision to the Scottish Refugee Council.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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