

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 22 OCTOBER 2008

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION: KIN

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of a grant application made by KIN, and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 KIN is a local community based organisation which provides support to people with learning disabilities and their family carers.
- 2.2 The group is well established and has worked in partnership with the Council in respect of a range of activity relating to consultation. This has included the *Making Good Things Happen* consultation event hosted in partnership with the Council. The outcome of this was the establishment of the VIP Partnership – East Ayrshire's learning disability forum.

3. PURPOSE OF GRANT

- 3.1 The group is seeking funding to enable it to run an 'active citizenship day' to raise awareness of the VIP Partnership amongst people with learning disability and autistic spectrum disorders. This will enhance the capacity of the group to engage in further consultation and engagement activity and represent the views of people with learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders to statutory organisations. It is likely that this event will take place in January 2009.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The amount of funding requested by KIN is £1000.
- 4.2 In 2007/08 the group was previously awarded a total of £2,200 from the Council in relation to specific events and activity including that described in Section 2.2 above as well as support for their running costs. This funding was given to the group under the delegated authority of the previous Executive Head of Social Work following the review of grant funding approved by the Council in 2004.
- 4.3 There is sufficient funding to support the request as set out in section 3.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Under the Race Relations Act 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 and the Equality Act 2006 the Council has a general duty to eliminate discrimination, reduce inequality, to build good relations, ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to participate in society.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Award of the grant would be consistent with our approach to community planning in terms of our commitment to consultation and engagement with local representative organisations. In particular the award would support the Improving Health, Eliminating Poverty, Promoting Community Learning and Improving Opportunity themes of the Community Plan.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 The application has been assessed in accord with the criteria set out in the Council's Accounting Policy Bulletin: External Funding (APB 27A).

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- I. Approve the funding request of £1000; and
- II. Otherwise note the contents of the report.

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7 October 2008
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

KIN Grant Application TC4052

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