

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 23 APRIL 2008

## GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS 2008/2009

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

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Cabinet of the outcome of the annual evaluations of grant funded projects and to approve future funding arrangements for 2008/2009.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Bellsbank Women's Project and the North West Youth Project were previously funded through Policy and Resources Committee and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme, the Holiday Project and Ayrshire Household Recycling were funded through Education Committee.

- 2.2 The undernoted projects have established Service Level Agreements, or are in the process of finalising an Agreement:

- Bellsbank Women's Project;
- Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme;
- The Holiday Project; and
- Northwest Youth Project.

At Council on 7 June 2007 it was agreed to defer a Service Level Agreement with the Ayrshire Household Recycling.

- 2.3 All the organisations have been in receipt of annual funding, which provides for the general running costs in order that they can deliver their services.

- 2.4 Officers monitor the projects concerned, support project development and sustainability, and encouraging external funding opportunities.

#### 3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 All organisations were subject to an evaluation by the Department of Educational and Social Services, Community Learning and Development Service.

- 3.2 A summary of the performance of each organisation is noted in appendix 1 of this report and a copy of full evaluations is available in the Members Information Point.

**3.3** The Council needs to be assured that services across all projects provide value for money. A fuller review of all projects is therefore proposed in financial year 2008/9.

#### **4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**4.1** The financial awards made in 2007/08 are noted in appendix 1 along with the proposed funding recommendations for 2008/09 which include an inflationary uplift.

**4.2** It is proposed that members consider the recommendations contained for grant aided support as detailed in appendix 1.

#### **5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** Nil

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The recommendations in this report have been based on the annual review of the organisation and Following the Public Pound.

#### **7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**8.1** Nil.

#### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**9.1** Members of cabinet are asked to:

- (i) approve funding to Bellsbank Women's project of £24,437;
- (ii) approve funding to Northwest Youth Project of £72,365;
- (iii) approve funding to Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme of £9,600;
- (iv) approve funding to Ayrshire Household Recycling Scheme of £14,173;
- (v) approve funding to Ayrshire Household Recycling Scheme of £11,144.32 from the Strategic Waste Fund matched by additional funding of £4,356.00 from the Council subject to the scheme demonstrating effective waste diversion through their activities.
- (vi) approve funding to the Holiday Project of £16,405;

- (vii) ask the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to return to Cabinet in December with the outcome of the review; and
- (viii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

Graham Short  
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

GS/KG/DG  
9 April 2008

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Service :  
Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104

### **IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER**

**DOT GRIEVE, PRINCIPAL OFFICER COMMUNITY LEARNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

## GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS 2008 – 2009

## APPENDIX 1

| Organisation   | Performance<br>2007/2008  | Funding<br>Awarded<br>2007/2008 | Recommendation   |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Bellsbank Women's Project</b></p> <p><i>To provide educational opportunities for women living in the Bellsbank and surrounding areas that will enable them to develop and realise their full potential as individuals, parents and active citizens</i></p> | <p>81 women participated in learning opportunities. This is a slight reduction on last year.</p> <p>12 children using the crèche compared to 32 last year. This is a significant reduction in the number of children using the crèche and uptake of places.</p> <p>Additional funding secured from Coalfields Regeneration Trust to operate the Dads, Lads and Lassies initiative in 2007/08.</p> <p>The Project commissioned an External Consultant to carry out a Community Consultation. This raised several issues for the Project namely; its image within the local community, future direction and funding. Request by the Project to increase the level of funding to take forward recommendations in consultants report.</p> <p>Implementation of the How Good is our Community Learning and Development was one of the conditions of funding. Training and support has been given to the Project but the evaluation tool is not used regularly.</p> <p>Service Level Agreement came to an end on 31 March 2008.</p> | <p>£23, 725</p>                 | <p>It is recommended that funding of £24,437 which includes an inflationary uplift is awarded for 2008/09.</p> <p>That a new Service Level Agreement is not established until the outcome of a fuller review is completed.</p> <p>The Project fully implements the 'How Good is our Community Learning and Development 2? Self Evaluation Framework.</p> |

| Organisation  | Performance 2007/2008  | Funding Awarded 2007/2008 | Recommendation   |
|---|--|---------------------------|--|
| <p><b>North West Youth Project</b></p> <p><i>To provide informal educational opportunities for young people aged 5 to 25 years of age North West Area of Kilmarnock.</i></p>            | <p>A new Management Committee was elected in August 2007 and have worked with Community Learning and Development to address the issues raised in last years evaluation namely; involvement of young people in the Management Committee, dealing with their financial management systems and self evaluation.</p> <p>262 young people attended various groups throughout the year. This is a reduction on last year due to a drama group finishing, although it is expected that this will resume again shortly.</p> <p>The Project continues to seek additional funding to develop its work. They are currently awaiting a decision on the Working for Families Funding for the Teen Care Project.</p> <p>The Project works with a range of Partners to develop the learning experiences for young people.</p> | <p>£70,257</p>            | <p>It is recommended that funding of £72,365 which includes an inflationary uplift is awarded for 2008/09.</p> <p>The Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully implements the 'How Good is our Community Learning and Development 2? Self Evaluation Framework</li> <li>• further develops the learning opportunities for young people</li> <li>• encourages young people to become more actively involved in the Management Committee</li> </ul>                        |
| <p><b>Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme</b></p> <p><i>The Scheme provides furniture and household items to families in need within the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area</i></p> | <p>The Scheme has supported 165 families and has uplifted 177 items in 2007/08.</p> <p>Current accommodation within Dalmellington is costly and may prove to be a financial burden on the Scheme along with high energy and fuel costs.</p> <p>Management Committee received significant support from Community Learning and Development in the past year. Discussions taken place with Ayrshire Household Recycling to discuss joint working</p>  | <p>£9,322</p>             | <p>It is recommended that funding of £9,600 which includes an inflationary uplift is awarded for 2008/09 and that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers from Community Learning and Development and Neighbourhood Services work with Ayrshire Household Recycling Project and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme to consider working more closely over the next year with a view to a possible merge of the two projects for future sustainability.</li> </ul> |

| Organisation   | Performance<br>2007/2008  | Funding<br>Awarded<br>2007/2008 | Recommendation  |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|
|  | <p>practices.</p> <p>Successfully recruited 4 volunteers to deliver and uplift furniture.</p>   |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Learning and Development continue to provide community development support but specialist knowledge and development regarding recycling is monitored and supported by Neighbourhood Services.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Ayrshire Household Recycling</b></p> <p><i>The Scheme provides recycled furniture and to families and individuals in need with the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun Area.</i></p> | <p>Over 73% of Ayrshire Household Recycling work is within East Ayrshire and in 2007/08 they supported 139 families and uplifted 423 items.</p> <p>Over the past year the Scheme has made 36 funding applications to a host of charitable trusts and bodies. They have been successful with 6 applications and awaiting the outcome of 2 others.</p> <p>In order to be sustainable the Management Committee recognises the need to broaden the recycling focus of their Scheme and have made links both locally and nationally with similar organisations. Discussions have taken place with Ayrshire Household Recycling to discuss joint working practices.</p> | <p>£13,761</p>                  | <p>It is recommended that funding of £ 14,173 which includes an inflationary uplift is awarded for 2008/09 and that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers from Community Learning and Development and Neighbourhood Services work with Ayrshire Household Recycling Project and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme to consider working more closely over the next year with a view to a possible merge of the two projects for future sustainability.</li> <li>Community Learning and Development continue to provide community development support but specialist knowledge and development regarding recycling is monitored and supported by Neighbourhood Services.</li> <li>It is also recommended that the Council accept an offer of additional grant funding from the Scottish Government's Strategic Waste Fund for financial year 2007/08 amounting to £11,144.32 to support the Ayrshire Household Recycling Scheme to work in partnership with the Council to</li> </ul> |

| Organisation   | Performance<br>2007/2008   | Funding<br>Awarded<br>2007/2008 | Recommendation  |
|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
|  |  |                                 | divert waste from landfill. Under the Scottish Government's funding guidelines, the Council would be required to provide an additional financial contribution to Ayrshire Household Recycling amounting to a maximum of £4,356 subject to the scheme demonstrating effective waste diversion through their activities |
| <p><b>The Holiday Project</b></p> <p><i>The Project provides low cost holidays to disadvantaged and vulnerable residents of East Ayrshire.</i></p> | <p>96 bookings made in 2007/2008 resulting in 338 children and 259 adults accessing a low cost holiday, this is a slight increase from last year</p> <p>The Management Committee are seeking to part exchange 2 caravans for 2 newer ones and have actively pursued alternative funding for the caravans and the development of the Project.</p> <p>The Project share office accommodation with Working for Families but they are currently seeking alternative office accommodation.</p> <p>The Project works in partnership with a range of organisations to promote the project and enhance the holiday experience for families</p> | £15,928                         | It is recommended that an award of £16,405, which includes an inflationary uplift.  |