

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 26 OCTOBER 2011**

**GRANT 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 a grant application to a Voluntary Organisation for 2011/12 and to make recommendations accordingly.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 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 2010.

**3. PERFORMANCE**

- 3.1 The grant application has been assessed by the Department of Educational and Social Services, Community Learning and Development Service.
- 3.2 A summary of the assessment is noted in appendix 1 of this report.

**4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

- 4.1 The previous financial award is noted in appendix 1 along with the proposed funding recommendations for 2011/12. There is funding available in the Department to support the recommendations in the report and the funding requested has an equalities focus.
- 4.2 It is proposed that Members consider the recommendation contained for grant aided support as detailed in appendix 1.

**5. PERSONNEL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The grant has 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 £600 to NSPCC (Childline in Scotland) Bullying Line; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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GRS/DG/KG  
4 October 2011

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Grant Applications: Grant References: TC5048.**

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## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2011/12 APPENDIX 1

Organisation	Assessment	Funding Previously Awarded	Recommendation
<p><b>NSPCC (Childline in Scotland) Bully Line</b></p>	<p>Childline is one of the NSPCC listening services. The aim of childline is to listen, comfort and protect. They do this by providing a free and confidential helpline for children and young people with trained volunteer counsellors to provide advice and support by phone or online 24 hours a day.</p> <p>The organisation cover 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 organisation does provide every school within East Ayrshire with information to raise young people's awareness on how to access the service.</p> <p>In 2010/11, the organisation was funded by 12 local authorities including East Ayrshire and funding ranged from £456 to £11,750. Applications have been submitted to other local authorities this year and they are awaiting the outcome.</p>	<p>The last funding award of £600 was made in 2010/11.</p>	<p>It is recommended that funding of £600 is awarded for 2011/12 due to the equalities focus of this work.</p>