

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET - 29 JUNE 2011

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION - EAST AYRSHIRE (SOUTH) FORUM ON DISABILITY

Report by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Cabinet of a grant funding request received from the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Policy and Resources Committee of 7 February 2007, a report was presented by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support regarding future funding of East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel; and Kilmarnock Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability.
- 2.2 The Policy and Resources Committee agreed that in the future, funding for these organisations should be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and it is now appropriate to submit these matters to Cabinet.
- 2.3 East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability was formed in 1996. The remit of the Forum is to provide information and advice to all communities within Cumnock and Doon Valley. It provides a service for aids and adaptations to houses and assists people with a disability to complete benefit forms.
- 2.4 East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is one of the key voluntary sector organisations involved in the Council's Equalities Forum on Disability.

3. PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST

- 3.1 The purpose of the grant request is to support the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability in relation to general running costs, ie membership fees, catering costs, home visits, insurance, conferences, seminars, outings and transport costs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The amount of funding requested by the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is £5,730.00.
- 4.2 Annual provision of £11,300 has been made in 2011/12 within Central Services for Access Panels and Disability Forums (£2,810 for East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and £8,490 for Access Panels).

4.3 The costs of the project are as follows-

- Running costs - £360
- CCT Membership - £20
- Refreshments - £130
- Home Visits (travel) - £1900
- Insurance - £320
- Outings (x3) - £2300
- CC Transport - £700

4.3 The Assessing Officer has recommended an award of £2,600. This is less than the group sought as the Assessing Officer has recommended support for the core objectives of the group only and has advised that the group should fundraise for outings. Transport and premises costs are given to the group in kind.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING

7.1 The provision of support to this group meets the overall aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan and supports the Council in terms of diversity and equality.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 A full grant assessment has been completed in respect of the grant application by the Department of Educational and Social Services.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members of the Cabinet are asked to:-

- (i) agree to the funding request of £2,600 for the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability grant application - TC5013.

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