

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER 2010**

#### **LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the funding currently held by the North West Youth Project together with a detailed breakdown of projected spend and any further funding that has been secured by the organisation.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Central North Local Grants Committee at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 considered a grant application from the North West Youth Project (CG4649) to enable the Project to deliver a summer programme of activities for young people. The Project requested funding for a range of youth activities including trips to Arran, Millport and Hamilton Water Palace and a one week residential experience at Dalguise Outdoor Centre, Perth. The total cost of the project was £4949.90 and the organisation sought a grant of £3,250.00.
- 2.2 In considering the application, the Committee referred to the Grant Assessment which recommended that the application be refused. The reasons identified for refusal were that North West Youth Project had been in receipt of substantial funding from East Ayrshire Council on an annual basis and had accrued a considerable funding surplus. The organisation's bank statement at 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 showed an unallocated balance of £77,982.57 and the Assessing Officer recommended that this balance be reduced before further grants were awarded to the organisation by the Council.
- 2.3 The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the application to allow the Assessing Officer to provide further information on the organisation's latest bank balance together with a detailed breakdown of the projected spend and any further funding that had been secured by the organisation.
- 2.4 A letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 was issued to the Project advising of the Committee's decision to defer a decision on the application until further financial information was presented by the Assessing Officer. Following a number of requests by the Assessing Officer, the information presented in Appendix 1 was provided by the organisation.

### **3. PRESENT SITUATION**

- 3.1 On the basis of the information provided to the Assessing Officer, the organisation had funds totalling £78,242 at 31 August 2010. The organisation's funding projection from October 2010 – March 2011, based on previously monthly spend, is shown in Appendix 1. An annual funding surplus of £3,125 is projected at 31 March 2011.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 also identifies the Project's annual income, which includes a grant from the Council of £37,640, a grant from the Moffat Trust for £3,500 and £12,000 from the Future Jobs Fund.
- 3.3 The Council ceased to provide core funding to North West Youth Project from 30 September 2010 and has procured a new community based youth work service for the North West Kilmarnock area. This will impact on the organisations future funding profile. The North West Youth Project continues to operate in its own right and is currently reviewing its position and how its remaining funds will be used. Community Learning and Development is continuing to link with the organisation to help them through this transition period and the challenge that this presents.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Grants Scheme operates within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedure document – APB27 External Funding (January 2003) issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

### **5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The disbursement of community grants to a range of locally based organisations awards with the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

### **6. LEGAL RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Any financial implications arising from this report will be met from the Central North Grants budget.

### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the grant application be refused as the organisation has a considerable cash reserve and is able to meet the cost of the activity from its own funds.

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services  
22 October 2010

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

North West Youth Project Grant Application (CG4649)  
Grant Assessment (CG4649)

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576131. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development on Tel No (01563) 578661.

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**Appendix 1**

**NORTH WEST YOUTH PROJECT FUNDING  
PROJECTION  
OCTOBER 2010 - MARCH 2011**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
WAGES	9009	10255	9299	7299	7299	12987	43161
STATIONARY	364	364	364	364	364	364	1820
RENT					100	60	100
TELEPHONE/INSURANCE	218	218	218	218	218	218	1090
REPAIRS	408	408	408	408	408	408	2040
CLEANING	233	233	233	233	233	233	1165
SOCIAL OUTINGS	2500	123	2800	123	123	123	5669
OPEN DAY							0
EQUIPMENT/CRAFTS	470	470	470	470	470	470	2350
PROFESSIONAL FEES							0
ACCOUNTANCY FEES	300	300	300	300	300	300	1500
FOOD FOR GROUPS	172	172	172	172	172	172	860
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13674</b>	<b>12543</b>	<b>14264</b>	<b>9587</b>	<b>9687</b>	<b>15335</b>	<b>75090</b>

<b>FUNDS 31 AUGUST 2010</b>	<b>78242</b>
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<b>ANNUAL INCOME 2010/11</b>	
EAC Grant	37,640
Future Jobs Fund	12,000
Moffat Trust	3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,140</b>