

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 24 MAY 2011

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR 2011/12

Report by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the financial allocation for the Central South Local Grants Committee for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme for financial year 2011/12.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Cabinet at its meeting held on 21 April 2010 considered proposals in respect of the distribution of resources for the Council's Local Community Grants Scheme and considered a range of options in respect of a future allocation formula.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY GRANTS: ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY 2011/12 AND FUTURE YEARS

- 3.1** The overall Local Community Grants budget for 2011/12 is £215,480.00.
- 3.2** Cabinet at its meeting held on 21 April 2010 agreed a resource allocation in respect of the Local Committee Grants Scheme which utilises up-to-date data from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) and the Small Area Population Estimates.
- 3.3** The revised SIMD 2009 data provides for a correction to incorrect tax credit data previously provided by HM Revenue and Customs resulting in some double counting of income deprived people.
- 3.4** Further, within East Ayrshire, the corrections to the tax credit data have resulted in changes to the Income Domain as well as the following changes to the overall SIMD 2009, which subsequently will have impacted on the distribution of resources for the Local Community Grants Scheme 2011/12.
- 30 data zones were identified in the 0-15% most deprived datazones in SIMD 2009 (October 2009); this figure has been reduced to 27 datazones in the 0-15% most deprived datazones in SIMD 2009 Version 2 (July 2010).
 - The three data zones moving out of the 0-15% most deprived moved into the 15-20% most deprived; two of these datazones were in Cumnock (Ward 8) and one in Drongan (Ward 9).

- In addition, two datazones moved out of the 15-20% most deprived and into the 20-25% most deprived; one datazone in Cumnock (Ward 8) and one datazone in Hurlford and Crookedholm (Ward 4).

3.5 The incorrect tax credit data resulted in the Central South Local Grants Committee's allocation for 2010/11 being reduced by £1,580.00. The most up-to-date SIMD and Small Area Population Estimates for 2009 result in an allocation for the Central North Local Grants Committee for 2011/12 of £53,116.

4. GRANT SPEND FOR THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR

4.1 A breakdown of Community Grant expenditure for the last financial year is detailed in Appendix I to this report.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Local Community Grants Scheme will operate within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedure document - APB 27 External Funding (January 2003 and updated on 29 March 2010) issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The disbursement of Community Grant to a range of locally based organisations accords with the main themes of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

7. LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS - None arising directly from this report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising directly from this report. However, any Community Grant awarded will require to be met from the total financial allocation for 2011/12.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 The Local Grants Committee is asked:-

- (i) to note the financial allocation to the Local Grants Committees for Community Grants for the financial year 2011/12 detailed at paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) to note the Central South Local Grants Committee allocation for the financial year 2011/12 is £53,116; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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16 May 2011
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576139. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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APPENDIX I

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CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2010/2011

FINAL FINANCIAL POSITION

ANNUAL BUDGET	£51,540.00 + £1,145.58 (grants returned) = £52,685.58	
CATEGORY	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID IN 2010/2011	% OF BUDGET
Arts & Cultural	£1,219.20	2%
Community Association	£580.00	1%
Community Councils	£550.00	1%
Community Safety	£0.00	0%
Disability	£774.00	1%
Early Education & Childcare	£2,052.40	4%
Economic Development	£0.00	0%
Environmental	£0.00	0%
Ethnic Minorities	£0.00	0%
Health Issues	£0.00	0%
Heritage	£0.00	0%
Leisure Activities	£10,775.60	20%
Older People	£4,210.76	8%
Social Inclusion	£2,250.00	5%
Sport	£1,160.52	2%
Tenants/Residents Group	£0.00	0%
Unemployment	£0.00	0%
Women's Issues	£1,162.39	2%
Young People	£7,925.00	16%
TOTAL	£32,659.87	62%
BALANCE*	£20,025.71	38%

RANGE OF GRANTS

£30 - £6,000

**NB £15,886.54 of balance has been ringfenced for grants awarded at the special Central South Committee held on 31 March 2011 and is based on the maximum possible awards and is subject to satisfactory officers assessments.*

12 May 2011

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