

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 24 JUNE 2010

AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2010/2011

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Council to consider the background, aims and objectives, and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As an annual process, consideration is given to all Service Department and Council affiliations.
- 2.2 In order to consider the affiliations as a strategic package, all Departments have been requested to submit their recommendations for 2010/2011. The requests for affiliations are outlined in Appendix I.

3. EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AFFILIATIONS

- 3.1 Affiliations can be considered, in principle, taking account of applications that have not been confirmed, and ensuring that Directors have included the estimated cost in their budget. The estimated cost shown in the Appendix may therefore fluctuate slightly as some groups have still to confirm their affiliation fees for 2010/2011.
- 3.2 It should be noted that entries 5-15 in the Appendix were approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 10 March 2010.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The appended list includes fees and, where available, information on venue and frequency of meetings as this would have financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2 The recommending Service Departments would normally be responsible for payment of the affiliation and have confirmed that they are able to pay for the affiliations within existing budgets.
- 4.3 Where affiliations are corporate, the costs will be allocated across the benefiting Departments.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Where appropriate, Service Departments would seek the necessary legal advice.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The purpose of submitting the affiliations as a whole package is to ensure that the Council can consider the relative merits of all affiliations in relation to Council Strategies and Policies.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Affiliation to various outside organisations support the guiding principles of the Community Plan.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** The Council is asked to agree:-

- (i) note those affiliations, already approved by Cabinet, shown at 5-15 in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) to consider the other applications, in principle, as detailed in Appendix I;
- (iii) that the appropriate Departments make payment of the affiliation fees to those approved organisations; and
- (iv) to note that in respect of any affiliations not continued, Elected Member representation will cease, where applicable.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Various requests and invoices from organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager, on Telephone Number (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

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AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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1.	National Association of Councillors	Represent interest of Members of Local Authorities throughout Britain.	£588.80	Cllr Kelly	10 times per year	£588.80	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support.
2.	Equality Exchange	Membership service offered to employers which aims to support the development of good practice and equal opportunities.	£250.00	Not Applicable	Various events throughout Scotland, normally once a month.	£0.00	Affiliation NOT recommended by the Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support.
3.	Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group	Local group which aims to promote best practice in Health and Safety procedures.	£50.00	Not Applicable	Monthly	£50.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support.

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4.	CIPFA Directors of Finance Section	Membership available to Proper Finance Officer from each Council. Consultation activity, research, information sharing, good practice exchange. Access to electronic benchmarking data for all UK Councils.	£669.00	Not applicable	5 per year	£750	Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support
5.	*Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee	The Committee represents users and others affected by the airport, established under the provision of statute.	£550.00	Cllr H Ross (Cllr Todd, Substitute)	Quarterly	£550.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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6.	*Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	ACCI is an organisation representing the interests of business, providing a range of services from training to representation and lobbying. ACCI is an important partner in the Ayrshire Economic Forum.	£750.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£750.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
7.	*Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society	To safeguard access (including rights of way) throughout Scotland.	£100.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£100.00	Minimum subscription recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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8.	*The Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)	UK wide organisation to promote the economic and social regeneration of former coalfield and industrial areas undergoing significant transition.	£5,300.00	Cllrs Kelly & Filson (Cllr Kelly is Scottish Regional Chair)	6 weekly for Scottish area	£5,300.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
9.	*SLAED: Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Officers (administered through SCDI)	Association of Economic Development Officers from all Local Authorities in Scotland. Undertakes research, consultative and representative roles in relation to the economic development function.	£550.00	Not Applicable	Quarterly (for main and Sub-Groups)	£600.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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10.	*Scottish Civic Trust	Amenity body and consultee to offer advice on design and development.	£100.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£100.00	Minimum subscription recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
11.	*Strathclyde Labour Market	To undertake research and provide information and analysis on labour market trends.	£3,100.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£3,100.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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12.	*West of Scotland European Forum	Member Authorities working together to maximise the benefits of European policies and funding programmes in the West of Scotland and to raise the profile of the European activities of the Member Councils both within the region and externally.	£6,000.00	Cllr Reid (Cllr H Ross, Substitute)	6 meetings per annum	£6,000.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
13.	*Ayrshire Architectural Heritage Trust	Identify and prepare projects to restore and reuse listed buildings.	£100.00	Not Applicable	Quarterly or as required	£100.00	Minimum subscription recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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14.	*Heritage Building Preservation Trust	Identify and prepare projects to restore and reuse listed buildings	£100.00	Not Applicable	Quarterly or as required	£100.00	Minimum subscription recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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15.	*Scottish Association of Building Standards Manager	National association promoting quality and efficiency in Building Standards	£400.00	Not Applicable	Quarterly or as required	£400.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
16.	Strathclyde Buildings Preservation Trust	Identify and prepare projects to restore and reuse listed buildings.	£750.00	Cllr Brown (Cllr Buchanan, Substitute)	-	£0.00	Affiliation recommended <u>NOT</u> by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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17.	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Provision of training, education and dissemination of information on environmental health issues in Scotland.	£200.00	Not Applicable	Annual Congress held together with various Committees. Annual technical discussions at Officer level.	£200.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support.
18.	Environmental Protection UK	Provide information on all issues relating to Environmental Protection (noise control/air quality/contaminated land/sustainability)	£685.00	Not Applicable	Annual General Meeting and local Scottish Meetings	£700.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Support.
19.	West Coast Rail 250	Membership is from both the private and public sector. The organisation works closely with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the upgrade of the West Coast Main Line and consider the needs of communities and commerce on the rail network.	£350.00	Cllr McDill (Cllr Buchanan, Substitute)	Quarterly	£350.00	Affiliation NOT recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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20.	ROSPA (Road Safety)	To promote road safety.	£310.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£310.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
21.	SUSTRANS	Cycling organisation which develops and creates safe pathways for cycling and walking.	£500.00	Not Applicable	Occasional meetings	£500.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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22.	West of Scotland Road Safety Forum	Organisation of Local Authorities in the West of Scotland and Strathclyde Police to promote road safety.	£2,500.00	Cllr Todd (Sub: Cllr Kelly)	Quarterly	£5,000.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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23.	LARSOA: Local Authorities Road Safety Officers Association	To promote training and support material for road safety education.	£150.00	Not Applicable	6 weekly	£150.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services. NOT
24.	Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland	To provide training courses covering a wide syllabus.	£1,600.00	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£1,200.00	Reduced contribution recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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25.	Scottish Council for Single Homeless	To promote awareness about the courses, nature and extent of single homelessness and identify ways of preventing and alleviating single homelessness.	£1,600.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£1,600.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services. NOT

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26.	SHELTER (Scotland)	Aims to eradicate homelessness by pursuing short-term measures and long-term measures to improve housing system.	£550.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£550.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.
27.	Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professional (formerly the Library Association)	To promote awareness and understanding of information and library developments and to encourage best practice.	£595.00	Not Applicable	Regular branch meetings and special interest group sessions.	£625.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services. NOT

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28.	Tenants Information Service	Provides services to landlords and tenants on a range of housing issues.	£550.00	Not Applicable	No meetings	£550.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services. NOT
29.	Scottish Community Safety Network	Co-ordinates and stimulates the work of community safety in Scotland.	£300.00	Not Applicable	Bi-Monthly	£300.00	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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30.	Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty	Campaigns and lobbying for action against poverty.	£1,300.00	Cllr J MacKay	Bi-monthly and focuses on issues of concern to participating Authorities	£1,190.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services. NOT
31.	Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW)	Promotion and representation of Social Work nationally including consultation activity, research, information sharing, good practice exchange.	£2,450.00	Not Applicable	6 weekly meetings of Executive Group plus regular Care Sub-Groups.	£2,450.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.
32.	British Association of Adoption & Fostering Agencies	Promotes awareness and understanding of adoption and fostering policy and practice and provision of direct services and training	£2,026.02	Not Applicable	Quarterly and ad hoc service specific meetings for Officers	£2,026.02	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

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33.	Scottish Childminding Association	Support childminders throughout Scotland.	£160.00	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	Quarterly meetings + AGM discussing a range of issues relevant to Child Minders.	£175.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.
34.	Youthlink Scotland	To support youth work and youth service development across both statutory and voluntary sectors.	£1,000.00	Elected Members could be invited to Conferences and/or sit on Board of Directors.	Varying frequency depending on whether Board or Policy Forum Meeting.	£1,000.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

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35.	Scottish Out of School Care Network	To promote, support and develop good quality, sustainable out of school care. To promote equal opportunities and children's rights according to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child to provide information, advice, support and training to Childcare Practitioners, Voluntary Committees and Development/Policy Workers.	£125.00	Not Applicable	Quarterly Meetings	£125.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

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36.	The Association of Service Solutions in Scotland (A.S.S.I.S.T.)	Established to create and present a shared voice on all matters relating to Facilities Management throughout Scotland's 32 Local Authorities. This public sector organisation formerly was the Scottish Local Authority Catering & Cleaning Association	£225.00	Not Applicable	3 meetings per year	£250.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

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37.	Association for Public Service Excellence (formerly known as Association of Direct Labour Organisations)	Association for Public Service Excellence membership consists of 256 local Authorities and associates across the United Kingdom, 32 being Scottish Authorities. The first region in the UK to reach 100% membership. Their aim is to develop and support new legislation and regulations which affect DLOs/DSOs in Local Government. These include Best Value, employment and single status, capital finance and private finance initiatives, performance measuring and bench marking etc. They also aim to promote DLO/DSO services through Advisory Groups and National Seminars encouraging the best service provision to Local Authorities.	£6,010.00	Cllr H Ross	20 meetings to cover various forms of representation held within ADLO. The meetings relate to the undernoted Sections: Direct Services Division; Building Maintenance Division; Transport Division; Highways and Roads Division; National ADLO Meetings; and Scottish ADLO Meetings.	£2,784.00 (membership fee £3,226.00) (Performance Networks)	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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38.	Investors In People Accreditation	Investors in People is an industry standard for HR and performance management which helps organisations transform business performance.	£1,900.00	Not Required	Review and reassessment meeting annually	£1,900.00	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.
39.	Food for Life Accreditation	This is the benchmark standard for public sector food. East Ayrshire Council holds Gold Standard.	£900.00 for 2 years	Not Required	Review and reassessment meeting biannually	£900.00 for further 2 years	Affiliation recommended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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