

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE – 6 NOVEMBER 2008

#### FUNDING OF HANGING BASKETS PROJECTS

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

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with information on the funding of Hanging Baskets Projects within East Ayrshire.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Northern Local Grants Committee held on 7 August 2008 the Committee agreed to ask the Head of Democratic Services to provide a report to the next meeting of the Local Grants Committee on how Hanging Baskets Projects are funded.

#### 3. HOW LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEES FUND HANGING BASKET PROJECTS

- 3.1 The Northern and Southern Local Grants Committees consider applications from local groups and organisations for hanging baskets, each application based on its merits. The tables shown below give details of the applications considered by both the Northern and Southern Local Grants Committees for financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09. The Central North and Central South Local Committees have not funded Hanging Baskets Projects within these two financial years (see paragraph 3.4 for further details).

#### 3.2 Northern Local Grants Committee 2008/09

| ORGANISATION                             | AWARD     | DETAILS OF APPLICATION  |
|--|-----------|---|
| Galston Community Council                | £1,610.85 | 34 baskets, liners and maintenance  |
| Fenwick Community Council                | £594.60   | 22 baskets; filled and delivery   |
| Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council | £1,000    | Supply of plants for hanging baskets and tubs, supply of 1 tub, 2 baskets and maintenance |
| Darvel Improvement Group                 | £852.75   | 14 baskets, bedding plants and compost  |

This is a total of £4,058.20 which is 11.5% of the total budget for 2008/09.

### Northern Local Community Planning Forum 2007/08

| ORGANISATION                             | AWARD     | DETAILS OF APPLICATION   |
|--|-----------|--|
| Fenwick Community Council                | £472.28   | 22 baskets - filled, delivery and battery for plant watering machine |
| Galston Community Council                | £1,694    | 30 baskets, 10 tubs and maintenance                                  |
| Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council | £1,246.99 | 35 baskets, brackets and replace baskets and maintenance             |
| Darvel Improvement Group                 | £753.85   | 14 filled baskets, plants, compost and maintenance                   |

This is a total of £4,167.12 which is 9% of the total budget for 2007/08.

### 3.3 Southern Local Grants Committee 2008/09

| ORGANISATION                 | AWARD | DETAILS OF APPLICATION   |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| Auchinleck Community Council | £300  | Replacement baskets, flowers/plants. Compost, fertiliser and gel (no details of numbers) |
| Catrine Community Council    | £300  | Refilling of 18 baskets  |

### Southern Local Community Planning Forum 2007/08

| ORGANISATION                 | AWARD | DETAILS OF APPLICATION   |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| Auchinleck Community Council | £250  | Plants, compost, new baskets and liners, fertiliser and gel (50 existing and 30 new baskets) |
| Cumnock Community Council    | £500  | Refill 30 existing baskets and purchase and fill 10 new baskets, feeding etc                 |
| Sorn Community Council       | £200  | Refill existing baskets (no information on numbers)  |
| Catrine Community Council    | £100  | Refill 16 existing baskets   |

### **3.4 Kilmarnock and Cumnock**

**3.4.1** In previous years the hanging baskets were funded by the Planning and Economic Development Department, with the Department of Neighbourhood Services having responsibility for the installation, maintenance and removal of baskets. This provision was also extended to Cumnock this year.

**3.4.2** This year, as part of the Council's commitment to the regeneration of Towns, it has been agreed to extend the provision of summer floral baskets to cover all of the historical centres of Kilmarnock and Cumnock for 2008/09 – 2010/11. The costs of which would be met from the Council's existing revenue budget.

### **4. Minerals Trust**

**4.1** Over the last 2 financial years the undernoted groups received funding from the Minerals Trust for hanging baskets projects:-

- Ochiltree Community Council (Filling of Baskets);
- Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Filling of Baskets); and
- Drongan Tenants and Residents Association (start up and Filling of Baskets).

### **5. EXTERNAL FUNDING**

**5.1** The External Funding and Sustainability Officer has advised that funding for hanging baskets may be available from Awards for All but that this would be for the initial purchase/replacement of baskets, brackets etc and would not be available annually.

### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report.

### **7. LEGAL/ POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil**

### **8. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

**8.1** The awarding of grant funding for Hanging Baskets Projects focuses on the community planning themes, aspirations and aims in terms of improving the environment.

### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**9.1** The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS – Nil**

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