

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2011**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME: SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES: WARDS 7 AND 8**

##### **Report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to give consideration to the criteria and priorities to be applied in the allocation of resources to community grant applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 in future years.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Southern Local Grants Committee at its meeting on 10 September 2010 agreed to continue consideration of the criteria and priorities to be applied in the allocation of resources to community grant applications from organisations within Wards 7 and 8 in future years, to a future meeting in order to enable the matter to be examined in the light of the implications for the grants budget arising from the Council's response to the outcome of the Scottish Government's spending review.
- 2.2 As Members are aware, the Council's budget setting process has now been completed and it has been confirmed that the overall allocation of funds for Community Grants will remain the same as last year in monetary terms, therefore, it is anticipated that the allocation available to this Committee for Community Grants for Wards 7 and 8 for 2011/2012 will remain as last year. The allocation for 2010/2011 in this regard was £55,150. The allocation for 2011/12 will be confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

### **3. SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 Local Committees are free to set and review their own priorities. Currently, in respect of Wards 7 and 8 this Local Committee sets an indicative percentage spread to identified categories of grants. Appendix 1 details the allocation agreed over each of the categories; the value of applications within each category submitted for 2010/11 expressed as a percentage of the total value of all applications received, based on amounts applied for with a notional cap of £5,000 having been applied to higher value applications for the purposes of this illustration; the actual percentage of grant spend for 2010/11; and the value of applications within each category submitted for 2011/12 provided on the same basis as the information relative to applications received for 2010/11.
- 3.2 The Committee may consider if it wishes to set any local priorities to reflect local need (either by category or by purpose of grant).

#### **4. COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES**

- 4.1 Financial assistance given by way of grants to local voluntary organisations supports the main themes of the Community Plan.

#### **5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Grant funding to local voluntary organisations is carried out in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound and the Council's Accounting Policy Bulletin APB 27.

#### **6. FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL/RISK/EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 It is considered that there are no financial, personnel, risk or equalities impact implications arising directly from this report.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to consider whether the criteria and priorities applied in respect of the allocation of resources to community grant applications for Wards 7 and 8 should be amended for future years.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL**

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**APPENDIX 1**

**SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**PERCENTAGE OF GRANTS PAID TO EACH CATEGORY**

| <b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>       | <b><u>INDICATIVE %<br/>SET ASIDE</u></b> | <b><u>APPLICATIONS<br/>FOR 2010/2011</u><br/><br/><b><u>%</u></b><br/><b><u>(AMOUNT<br/>APPLIED FOR)</u></b></b> | <b><u>ACTUAL SPEND<br/>2010/2011</u><br/><br/><b><u>%</u></b></b> | <b><u>APPLICATIONS<br/>FOR 2011/2012</u><br/><br/><b><u>%</u></b><br/><b><u>(AMOUNT<br/>APPLIED FOR)</u></b></b> |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Older People                 | 26.5%                                    | 17.5%  | 27.9%   | 22.4%  |
| Young People                 | 14.6%                                    | 23.9%  | 15.9%   | 7.3%   |
| Leisure, Sport &<br>Cultural | 27.2%                                    | 27.7%  | 23.7%   | 31.5%  |
| Disability                   | 7.9%                                     | 3.8%   | 6.1%  | 5.4%   |
| Environment/Heritage         | 11.8%                                    | 13.8%  | 13.4%   | 15.7%  |
| Health/Well Being            | 3.2%                                     | 5.7%   | 3.2%  | 6.8%   |
| Social Inclusion             | 8.8%                                     | 7.6%   | 8.5%  | 10.9%  |