

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 JUNE 2005

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL ACTION FUND

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the Scottish Executive's Allocation of Youth Justice/ASB resources 2005 – 2006, and the way in which the funding allocated to Community Safety Partnerships has been awarded.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. As part of its commitment to tackling youth offending and anti-social behaviour the Scottish Executive made available £35m over 2004 – 2005 and 2005 – 2006 to support a range of youth justice initiatives. Much of this money was for local authorities as key partners in youth justice work primarily to increase the provision of services and programmes for young people and to help the work of the children's hearing system.
- 2.2. The Executive established a Local Action Fund to support the provision of services, projects and activities available to all young people rather than focus on young people who have offended or are at risk of offending.
- 2.3. The total allocated to Community Safety Partnerships: Local Action Fund was £10m over the two years. East Ayrshire Council Community Safety Partnership was allocated £132.000 in year 2004 – 2005 and £131.000 in year 2005 – 2006.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. In order to determine which groups would be eligible for funding a set of criteria was written up based on the guidelines from the Scottish Executive. The criteria and application forms were made available through the Community Safety Unit. The Fund was advertised through the local press, elected members, Directors and Heads of Service and members of the Community Safety Forum. A further list of recipients of the original Scottish Executive letter is available from the Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 3.2. A total of 33 applications were received. The final decision on which groups should be granted funding was made by the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group. The results were as follows:

1. Cluarankwai Judo Club – Increase the number of services and facilities - £6000.00
2. Bellsbank Adventure Playground – disabled cubicle for male and female users - £3000.00
3. Ochiltree Rovers Football Club – Increase facilities at club - £1500.00
4. Hurlford Community Youth and Sports Project – Feasibility Study - £2000.00
5. New Sporting Futures – Youth sports development project - £10000.00
6. Kilmarnock Junior Ice Hockey Club – Increase in facilities and equipment - £5645.00
7. Auchinleck Anglers Association – Purchase of equipment - £1000.00
8. Cumnock Mini/Midi Rugby Club – Purchase of equipment - £5056.00
9. Yipworld.com – Mobile internet café - £2000.00
10. Kilmarnock Harriers and AC – Purchase of equipment and marketing - £10000.00
11. The Six O'clock Group – Purchase of equipment - £529.93
12. Cumnock and District Pipe Band – Purchase of equipment - £3980.00
13. Drongan Health Initiative – Purchase of equipment - £1000.00
14. Yipworld.com – group sessions for young people - £4350.00
15. Auchinleck Hill walking Club – Purchase of equipment - £2000.00
16. Safe Barshare Community Group – Purchase of equipment - £4350.00

17. Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club – Purchase of equipment and coaches - £5000.00
18. Grange Academy – Work experience initiative - £1000.00
19. Loudoun Lions – Purchase of equipment - £4008.16
20. Galston Youth Group – Purchase of equipment - £1486.38
21. North West Amateur Boxing Club – Purchase of equipment - £4700.00
22. The Sky Project – Purchase of equipment and club outings - £1800.00
23. Cumnock Juniors Boys Club – Purchase of equipment – £316.00
24. Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire – Young people’s safety concerns and crimes against them - £4410.00
25. Kilmarnock and Loudoun Explorer Scouts – Purchase of equipment - £2137.00

3.3 Funding from last year carried forward

1. Patna Adults Children and Teenagers – equipment to sustain twice weekly youth club - £1254.23
2. Bellsbank Adventure Playground – Provision of facilities and staff at weekends - £8500.00
3. Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex – Upgrade facilities and equipment - £8500.00
4. Dalrymple Youth Association – Increase facilities - £9907.20.

3.4 It is intended that a launch of the Fund be held in June 2005 with representatives of the above groups being present. Members of the Community Safety Forum will also be invited to attend.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the Projects was met from the Scottish Executive Allocation of Youth Justice/ASB Resources 2004 – 2005 and 2005 – 2006 – Local Action Fund.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. A report has been forwarded to the Scottish Executive, Justice Unit, with full details and progress of the projects funded in 2004 -2005 and an interim report of all projects funded in 2005 - 2006 will be sent in September 2005. Information will be published so that local communities and representatives can see how the money has been used.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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