

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 7 JUNE 2006**

#### **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 East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership Local Action Fund established by the Scottish Executive to support localised action and initiatives to divert young people away from crime.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 1.0. As part of its commitment to tackling youth offending and anti-social behaviour the Scottish Executive made available £10m over 2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008 to provide additional support to localised action and initiatives to divert young people away from crime..
- 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 East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership was allocated £129,000 in year 2006 – 2007 and £129,000 in year 2007 – 2008.

### **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 49 applications were received totalling £444,273. The final decision on which groups should be granted funding was made by the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group. In consequence, 32 applications were deemed to meet the criteria, while the other 17 were either not locally based, did not apply universally or referred to young people identified of being at risk of offending. The results were as follows:

<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount allocated - £'s</b>
EAC Community Recreation Service	5440
Bellsbank Adventure Playground	6400
PACT	770
Dalmellington Band	5000
Loudoun Church, Newmilns	500
Drongan Health Initiative	640
Cumnock Juniors Boys Club	320
Crosshouse Boys Club	640
Hurlford Community Youth and Sports Project	6400
New Sporting Futures (EAC Leisure)	6400
Westpark Gymnastics Club, Crosshouse	1200
20 <sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scouts (Stewarton)	2000
Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex	6400
Cluarankwai Judo Club	3200
Darvel Skateboard Club	5100
The Sky Project	680
Avonlea Youth Centre, Catrine	3200
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club	1100
Bonnyton Thistle Youth Football Club	5700
Coalfield Communities Federation	6400
New Cumnock Parish Church Youth Club	260
New Farm Thistle Football Club	1600
Four Connections, Cumnock	2500
The Schaw Kirk, Drongan	640
Stewarton Tennis and Sports Club	3800
Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club	6400
Lower Gauchalland Tenants Assoc.	1000
Kilmarnock Football Club	6400
Catrine Community Trust	3200
Kilmarnock Harriers	6200
Kilmarnock Amateur Swimming Club	6400
EAC Leisure	3300

3.3 In total, the above allocations come to £109190, which is slightly less than this year's available fund of £116100 leaving £6910 for any worthwhile projects that meet the criteria and require funding throughout the year.

3.4 In addition, £23170 has already been requested for 2007-2008 for the following projects: Bellsbank Adventure Playground; PACT; Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex; Avonlea Youth Project and Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club.

## **1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the Projects was met from the Scottish Executive Allocation of Youth Justice/ASB Resources 2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008 – Local Action Fund.

## **5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Nil

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1. Organisations will be requested to complete a monitoring and evaluation form at the end of March 2007.

## **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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