

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

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 2004 – 2005 and 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 35 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. Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex – Expansion of existing junior Snow Sports Club - £8500.00
2. Bellsbank Adventure Playground – Provision of youth activities at weekends - £8500.00
3. Patna adults Children and teenagers – equipment to sustain twice weekly youth club - £1254.23
4. North West Youth Project – to provide workshops and after school clubs - £7931.35
5. Kilmarnock South Youth Project – To provide centre based service to 12 – 18 year olds.- £8434.72
6. New Farm Youth Project – sport and leisure equipment for the Youthie - £6460.00
7. St. Joseph’s Learning Partnership – Saturday morning clubs - £3187.50
8. Lugar Community Council – Teen shelter - £8035.90
9. Dalrymple Youth Club – Staff to provide sessions for young people in area – £8490.48
10. Bonnyton Thistle FC – To provide training and equipment for club - £1748.57
11. Four Connections – To expand fishing project - £5478.25
- 12/13/14 Outdoor Services – To provide sports walls in Bellfield, Annanhill and Kay Park - 3 x £8500.00
15. Kilmarnock FC – to provide free training sessions outwith Kilmarnock area - £8500.00
16. Coalfield Community Transport – to increase the number of services and facilities available to young people. - £8279.00

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. An interim report has to be forwarded to the Scottish Executive by September 2004 and fuller details at the end of March 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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