

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24TH MARCH 2004

REVIEW OF LIBRARY, INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SERVICES

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to establish a short life member/officer working group to review the Library, Information and Registration Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council provides a wide range of library facilities, Local Offices and Registration Services across East Ayrshire and it is suggested that a review group be established to consider the range of services provided and how these should be focused on the resources available.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 It will be necessary to assess how current services are delivering Council priorities and also consider the changing market that the services are operating in. In addition, there is a need to establish the key priorities for the future development of the services, particularly in relation to central government priorities such as the expansion of e-government.
- 3.2 The short life working group would have a remit to consider:-
- Current distribution, costs, opening hours and use of facilities/services
 - Policy issues
 - Budget issues
 - Recommendations for the future of the service.
- 3.3 The working group should report back to the appropriate Committee as soon as possible to ensure that any changes to the services can be implemented as soon as possible

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The short life member/officer working group will consider the policy issues relating to the Library, Information and Registration Services provided by the Council.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Establishing a short life member/officer working group to consider operational, financial, and policy issues relating to the Library, Information and Registration Services will be the most effective method of ensuring that Council priorities are delivered within the framework appropriate Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) consider the establishment of a short life member/officer working group with the remit detailed in 3.2 above, and if agreed, remit to Council for approval; and
- ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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