

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL –21ST JUNE 2007**

**GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS:  
EAST AYRSHIRE ACCESS PANEL (NORTH DISTRICT) AND CUMNOCK &  
DOON VALLEY ACCESS PANEL**

**Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a joint grant funding request from the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel and to make recommendations accordingly.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At Policy & Resources Committee of 7 February 2007 a report was presented by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support regarding future funding of East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed that in the future funding for these organisations should be submitted to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 2.3 The remit of the Access Panels is to review all planning and building warrant applications that are submitted to East Ayrshire Council. When the comments made by the Panels are taken on board by the applicant / architect / agent, the facility will be designed to be more accessible to the majority of the community, irrespective of their age, mobility or gender.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel will be one of the key voluntary sector organisations involved in the Council's new Equalities Forum.

**3. PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST**

- 3.1 The purpose of the grant request is to support the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel in relation to general running costs.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The joint amount of funding requested by the both Access Panel is £6340. This funding allocation consists of £4500 to East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and £1840 to Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel.

4.2 There is sufficient funding to support the funding request as set out in Section 3.

## 5. LEGAL/PERSONNEL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

## 6. COMMUNITY PLANNING

6.1 The provision of support to these groups meets the overall aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan in relation to Improving the Environment and supports the Council in terms of diversity and equality.

## 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 A full grant assessment has been completed in respect of the grant application.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members of the Council are asked to:

- i) agree to the funding request of £6340 for the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel;
- ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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24 May 2007

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) and Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel Grant Application – CR3682.

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