

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL – 28 APRIL 2005**

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES**

#### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To present to Council for consideration the proposed distribution of resources for the Council's Local Committee Community Grants Scheme.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee of 19 February 2004 agreed to a revised formula for the distribution of Local Committee Community Grants but instructed the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to carry out a further review for the 2005/06 allocations taking account of the (then anticipated) 2004 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) results.
- 2.2 A report on the 2004 SIMD results was considered by committee on the 30 September 2004. Subsequently, the Council agreed its Regeneration Outcome Agreement and Community Regeneration Programme for submission to the Scottish Executive on the basis of the SIMD.

#### **3. ALLOCATION FORMULA**

- 3.1 In February 2004 the committee agreed (noting that the principal objective of the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme is to 'develop and put into practice a system of resource allocation which prioritises those most in need') to allocate funds to local committees on the basis of the total population within each area but that the allocation be realigned to take account of the level of deprivation, the number of people aged 60 and above and the number of children and younger people under 25 using the ratio 6:2:2 respectively.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the same factors and ratios be used for the 2005/06 and subsequent years' allocations.

- 3.3 However, it should be noted that the geographic basis for calculating the 2004 SIMD is very different from previous years. Prior to 2004 deprivation was calculated on a ward basis. This method tended to mask pockets of deprivation within ward boundaries and to achieve greater accuracy in defining deprivation the 2004 SIMD was calculated using small scale data zones.
- 3.4 Accordingly, the total population classified as deprived under the SIMD 2004 analysis, along with the total population within the elderly and young person's categories within each Local Committee has been calculated and adjusted in accord with the previously agreed ratio, i.e. 6:2:2. The resultant figure has been added to the total local committee population to enable a fair distribution of the 2005/06 allocation to be made between all Local Committees whilst taking account of each areas needs. It is proposed that allocations for future years should also utilise this method; this is particularly pertinent given that the SIMD is expected to be applied consistently for many years to come and, in any event, the current results are to be applied for 2 years, i.e. up to March 2007 with the update being undertaken in October 2006.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 provides the details of the analysis and the proposed resource allocation for 2005/06 using the above method and provides a comparison with last year's allocation. 2 options are presented, the first reflects a weighting towards 0-30% deprivation zones, the second, and my recommended option, provides for a 2:2 weighting for 0-15% and 15-30% data zones respectively.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Committee Grants Scheme operates within policy guidelines detailed in the Council's procedures document APB27 External Funding (January 2003) issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The overall budget allocation for Local Committee Community Grants in 2004/05 was £185,877. This figure has been increased by 3% to £191,455. An appropriate allowance has been made in the 2005/06 budget figures to accommodate this expenditure.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** The Council is asked to:

- (i) agree to the formula as detailed in paragraph 3.4 above as a basis for determining the 2005/06 and future years' Local Committee Grants Scheme allocations;
- (ii) agree the preferred allocation of option 1 or option 2 for each Local Committee as detailed in appendix 1; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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19 April 2005  
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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report to Policy and Resources Committee 19 February 2004, Local Committee Community Grants Scheme – Distribution of Resources 2004/05.
2. Report to Policy and Resources Committee 30 September 2004, Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

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### APPENDIX 1

Local Committee Area	2004/05 Allocation	2005/06 Option 1 30% SIMD 6:2:2	2005/06 Option 2 15%x2 15-30%x1 SIMD 6:2:2
Northern	£17,008	£18,975	£16,780
Kilmarnock South	£20,385	£20,784	£21,663
Kilmarnock North	£25,440	£24,556	£27,099
Kilmarnock Central	£23,266	£24,107	£21,922
Irvine Valley	£28,196	£26,867	£24,554
Doon Valley	£21,471	£23,582	£24,720
Cumnock	£50,111	£52,585	£54,716
Total	£185,877	£191,455	£191,455