

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 7 JUNE 2007

## GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION EAST AYRSHIRE (SOUTH) FORUM ON DISABILITY

### Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a grant funding request from the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, 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; and Kilmarnock Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability.
- 2.2 Policy & Resources Committee agreed that in the future funding for these organisations should be submitted to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 2.3 The remit of the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is to promote the benefit of all disabled people with a physical, sensory or mental impairment who live within the south of East Ayrshire. The Forum also campaigns on disability issues. Liaison arrangements between the Forum and the Council were strengthened in 2002 by the signing of a partnership agreement.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability will be one of the key voluntary sector organisations involved in the Council's new Equalities Forum.
- 2.5 A grant application will not be forthcoming for consideration from the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability as the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability has dissolved.

#### **3. PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUEST**

- 3.1 The purpose of the grant request is to support the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability in relation to general running costs.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The amount of funding requested by the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability is £2,595.

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 this group meets the overall aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan 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 £2,595 for the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and;
- ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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15 May 2007

### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability Grant Application – SW3664.

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