

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL – 7 JUNE 2007**

### **SCOTTISH DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE**

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

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the grant application for 2007/8 from the Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline and to make recommendations accordingly.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline offers telephone support to those affected by domestic abuse.

#### **3. GRANT REQUESTED 2007/8**

- 3.1 The grant requested for 2007/8 is £500. This is to support sixty volunteers to attend the Helpline's annual conference. The aim of the conference this year is to raise awareness about asylum seeking families in relation to domestic abuse. This is the first time Council has considered a grant request from the Domestic Abuse Helpline. The total cost of the project is £7,500. Funding has been sought from all local authorities. The conference was held on 12 May 2007.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/ LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There is sufficient funding to support the recommendation contained in this report.

#### **5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

#### **6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The prevention of domestic abuse and the protection of women who have been abused is a key action in the Promoting Community Safety theme of the Community Plan.

#### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The grant has been assessed in accordance with Council procedures.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1** It is recommended that Council:

- i) approve a grant of £500 for the Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline; and
- ii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Grant Application: Grant Reference: ED3646

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