

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 2 FEBRUARY 2006**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007**

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

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

- 1.1** To invite the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve their local communities in their decision-making process by inviting appropriate local organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with named Substitutes.
- 2.2** Local Committees will review the community organisation sector representation on an annual basis. The review will be subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme but at least one Community Representative should be drawn from each of the "core" community organisation sectors, namely:- Community Councils and the local elderly, disability and youth forums (or equivalent organisations).
- 2.3** In accordance with the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, Community Representative's appointments should terminate on 31 March each successive year. Fresh nominations are required from organisations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes to serve for a period of one year commencing on 1 April each year.

### **3. PRESENT POSITION**

- 3.1** Having regard to the provisions set out pertaining to community organisation representation on Local Committees, the current Community Representatives, including named Substitutes for this Committee are as detailed in Appendix I hereto.
- 3.2** The current Community Representatives "period of appointment" is due to expire on 31 March 2006. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Committee should now review the present community organisation sector representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and named Substitutes for the coming year.

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

- 4.1** The involvement of Community Representatives in the Local Committee process accords with the Community Plan which recognises the need to listen to, communicate with and involve the community.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1** It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I;
- (ii) review community organisation sector representation to this Local Committee; and
- (iii) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1.** Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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## APPENDIX I

### CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND SUBSTITUTES)</u>
Community Councils	Mr James Hastie (Mr David Gibson) Mr James McMillan (Vacant)
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	Mrs Jean Smith (Mrs Anne Bell)
Business Community	(Vacant) (Vacant)
Local Churches	Mr Alec Cochrane (Vacant)
Tenants Groups	Mrs Margaret Campbell (Mr Matthew Burns)
Sports Groups	Mr John Timpany (Vacant)
Elderly Forum (or equivalent organisation)	Mr William Lees (Mr Alex McCall)
School Pupil	(Vacant) (Vacant)
Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation)	Mr Jim Monaghan (Vacant)
Ethnic Minorities	(Vacant) (Vacant)