

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2005**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006**

##### **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 2005 to 31 March 2006.

### **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 2005. 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.

**3.3** In considering this matter, the Committee would wish to take cognisance of the following matters, namely:-

- the Ethnic Minorities Forum had last year refused an invitation from this Local Committee to nominate a Community Representative to serve on the Committee, but the Forum at that time indicated that they would be appreciative of a similar opportunity in future years; and
- that the Policy and Resources Committee will be giving consideration to this Committee's request that the number of Community Representatives' places on the Committee be increased to 11, at their next meeting as part of deliberations on the Review of Community Representatives Membership on Local Committees generally.

**4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL**

**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 2005 to 31 March 2006 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 James Liddell) Mr Alex Currie (Mr Iain Clark)
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	Mrs Jean Smith (Mrs Anne Bell)
Business Community	Mr Murray Falconer (Mr Harry Gravil)
Local Churches	Mr Alec Cochrane (Vacant)
Tenants Groups	Mrs Margaret Campbell (Mr Matthew Burns)
Sports Groups	Vacant (Vacant)
Elderly Forum (or equivalent organisation)	Mr William Lees (Mr Alex McCall)
School Pupil	Mr Ian Black (Vacant)
Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation)	Vacant (Vacant)