

AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 25 MARCH 2004

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting held on 15 April 1997 agreed that Community Representatives and Named Substitutes would be appointed to Local Committees for a period of one year from 1 April to 31 March each successive year.
- 2.2** This Committee at its meeting held on 29 January 2004 agreed to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for community membership by the relevant organisations and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.
- 2.3** As Members are aware, the Committee at their last meeting agreed that community organisation representation on this Committee for the coming year be drawn from the following organisational sectors and that further consideration be given to this matter at this meeting in the light of nominations received, namely:-
- Community Councils (two nominations);
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability;
 - Older People's Interest Groups;
 - Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation);
 - Business Community;
 - Local Churches;
 - Tenants' Groups;
 - Sports Groups;
 - School Pupils; and
 - Ethnic Minority Groups.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR 2004/2005: CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1** Nominations of Community Representatives, and Substitutes, for the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 have so far been received from the undernoted organisations, namely:-
- (i) Community Councils - To be confirmed;

- (ii) Older Peoples' Interest Groups - William Lees, Secretary, New Cumnock Age Concern; and Substitute - Alex McCall, Chairperson, Age Concern, Cumnock;
- (iii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Jean Smith, Secretary/Treasurer to the Forum; and Substitute - Annie Bell, Member of the Forum;
- (iv) Youth Forum - Jessie Marsh;
- (v) Sports Groups - To be confirmed;
- (vi) Local Churches - Ian Scade, Elder, Sorn Parish Church and Alec Cochrane, Elder at Church of Scotland Old Cumnock/Crichton West and St Ninian's;
- (vii) Business Community - To be confirmed;
- (viii) Tenants' Groups - Mrs Margaret Campbell, Member, Safe Barshare, Cumnock and Mr Matt Burns, Member, Upper Blarene and Ardnith Avenue Tenants and Residents Association, New Cumnock (final nomination of Representative and Substitute between these two nominees still to be determined);
- (ix) School Pupil - Ian Black, pupil at Auchinleck Academy; and Jennifer Taylor, pupil at Cumnock Academy (final nomination of Representative and Substitute between these two nominees still to be determined).

(Any further nominations received following the issue of this report will be reported verbally at the meeting by the Administrative Officer).

- 3.2** Any nominations outstanding beyond this meeting will be reported to the Local Committee at a future meeting.
- 3.3** The Members will recollect that it was also agreed to invite the Ethnic Minorities Forum to submit nominations for one Community Representative and one Named Substitute. In this connection, the Head of Community Support within the Department of Educational and Social Services advises that with regard to previous invitations to participate in Local Committees, the view expressed at the Forum has been that although they are happy to meet with the Council and its community planning partners through the Forum, other personal commitments mean that they are unable to participate in any other Committee or Forum adopted by the Council at this time. However, a funding proposal is being prepared which will be submitted to the Commission for Racial Equality on behalf of the Ayrshire Racial Equality Partnership. This submission will have as one of its key objectives building community capacity and it may be in future years as a result of this work that nominations will be forthcoming. The Members are asked to take on board these comments and should it still be considered appropriate, arrangements can be made for the question of community representation on this Committee to be raised with the Ethnic Minorities Forum at their next meeting which will take place in June.
- 3.4** The Committee are also advised that a request has been received from the Coalfield Communities Federation to be allocated a Community Representative (and Substitute) place on this Local Committee.

3.5 With regards to the request made by this Committee at the last meeting that the number of Community Representatives' places on this Committee be increased to 11, the Members will be aware that East Ayrshire Council on 4 March 2004 agreed that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources carry out a review of Community Representatives membership on Local Committees and that a report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration as soon as possible.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) determine the community organisation representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 in the light of the nominations received from the various organisational sectors and other information as indicated in Section 3, above and updated verbally at the meeting;
- (ii) having regard to determination of (i) above, accept nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations;
- (iii) note the position in respect of those organisations which have not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and/or Substitutes; and
- (iv) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

9 March 2004

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence with local organisations.

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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