

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 18 JANUARY 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 arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee in the period from 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 community organisations to nominate up to ten representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with Named Substitutes.
- 2.2** The Local Committee reviews the community organisation sectors represented on the Local Committee on an annual basis. The review is subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme, that 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 of 15 April 1997, Community Representatives' 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** The current Community Representatives, including Named Substitutes, for this Local Committee area are as detailed in Appendix I.
- 3.2** The current Community Representatives' period of appointment is due to expire on 31 March 2006. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Local Committee should now review the present community organisation representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the coming year.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) notes the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I;
- (ii) reviews community organisation representation on the Local Committee; and
- (iii) remits to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process for 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 Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576093. 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

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)</u>
Community Councils *	Mr Tom Cook (Mrs Jean Churchill) Mr Charles Calman (Mr Ian McVey) Mr John McIvor (Mrs Alison McCann) Mrs Esther Caldwell (Mr Neil Thomson)
Disability Forum	Ms Linda Thomson (Vacant)
Elderly Forum	Mr Maurice Ashbridge (Mrs Mary Fraser)
Young People	Miss Louise Sansun (Miss Beth Wilson)
Business Community	Mr John Donaldson (Mr John Burdoni)
Local Churches	Mr Peter Heywood (Vacant)

*The positions of community representative and named substitute for Bonnyton Community Council are currently unfilled.