

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 21 MARCH 2006**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME – REQUEST BY BELLSBANK WOMEN'S PROJECT**

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

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

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Local Committee of a request from Bellsbank Women's Project seeking approval to sell the wood turning lathe costing £310 purchased from community grant funding, and to replace it with wood working hand tools.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Doon Valley Local Committee at its meeting held on 22 March 2005 (Item 6.1(b)(i), page 1368, 03/07) approved a grant application from Bellsbank Women's Project, part of which was to purchase a lathe and tools at a cost of £310.
- 2.2** The group have advised that Health & Safety Officers from East Ayrshire Council have confirmed that there are Health and Safety conditions which must be met by the group in order for them to use the lathe within Bellsbank Community Wing, where they are based.
- 2.3** Unfortunately, the group have stated that they are unable to meet these conditions, and the lathe is now unusable.
- 2.4** Subsequently, the group have requested approval to sell the lathe as it is unusable and with the money from the sale, purchase wood-working hand tools which Health and Safety Officers have agreed can be used within Bellsbank Community Wing.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1** If the Committee take the decision that any money from the sale of the lathe should be returned to the Local Committee, then the money from the sale will be returned to the Local Committee budget for this financial year.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The community grant operates within the policy guidelines as detailed in the Council's procedure document – Accounts Policy Bulletin 27 – external funding (January 2004), issued in accordance with the Core of Guidance on funding external bodies and following the public pound.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil**

## **6. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS –**

**6.1** The use of community grants to assist local voluntary organisations addresses the promoting community learning aims of the community plan.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

**7.1** The request by the group to sell the lathe, which, under Health and Safety Regulations, is unusable and to use the money from the sale to purchase wood-working hand tools, which Health and Safety have agreed can be used in Bellsbank Community Wing, could be considered appropriate use of funding, as the group would be purchasing similar products to that which was originally requested in the grant application.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1** The Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider and determine a request from Bellsbank Women's Project to sell the wood turning lathe and use the money from the sale to purchase wood-working hand tools.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Application form from Bellsbank Women's Project
2. Letter from Bellsbank Women's Project

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