

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2006**

**PER CAPITA AWARDS TO OLDER PEOPLES GROUPS**

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

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

- 1.1** To request to Committee to consider and determine an amendment to the purpose for which per capita grant awards are made to older people's groups.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Doon Valley Local Committee has made a practice of awarding grants on a per capita basis to older people's groups in respect of outings and Christmas parties.

- 2.2** At the Doon Valley Local Committee held on 23 March 2004, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to continue with the practice, adopted in previous years, when applying a per capita formula to grants to old peoples organisations including those related to age concern, in respect of outings and Christmas parties, the per capita maximum during the financial year to be £4;
- (ii) that applications from older people's groups to assist with other individual projects would be considered on their own merit; and
- (iii) that for future years the per capita be set at £4 until such times that the Committee decide to review this amount.

### **3. PRESENT POSITION**

- 3.1** Having regard to the decision taken by this Committee on 23 March 2004, it is suggested that the purpose for which per capita awards are made to older peoples group's, should be amended from "outings and Christmas parties" to "Social and Recreational Activities".

- 3.2** The Local Committee would still be able to consider applications from older people's groups which come outwith the definition of "Social and Recreational Activities" on their own merits. Administratively, this would clarify the definition of the scope of per capita arrangements. In the past, for example, older people's groups applying for an Easter outing would be dealt with on their own merits.

- 3.3** Older People's Groups applying for outings, regardless of timing, i.e. Christmas, summer, Easter, spring, would all be dealt with on a per capita basis.

**4. FINANCIAL/LLEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS - Nil**

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1** It is requested that the Committee consider and determine the amendment to the purpose for which per capita awards are made to older peoples group's.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil**

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