

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 MARCH 2004

KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for an interim award for Kilmarnock and Loudoun Gift Furniture Scheme in respect of grant funding for the year 2004/2005

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At the Social Work Committee of 23 May 2002 it was agreed to transfer the funding of Kilmarnock and Loudoun Gift Furniture Scheme and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme from Section 10 grant aid to mainline funding supported by the development of a Service Level Agreement.
- 2.2** Although the responsibility for the supervision and monitoring of both Gift Furniture Schemes has been with the Community Learning and Development Service since 2000, reporting of budgetary matters, until November 2003, was through Social Work Committee. In November 2003 budget reporting transferred to Education Committee

3. REPORT

- 3.1** Kilmarnock and Loudoun Gift Furniture Scheme provide recycled household goods and furniture for those in need in Kilmarnock and surrounding areas.
- 3.2** Both the Kilmarnock and the Cumnock groups are in the process of preparing a service level agreement which will confirm with East Ayrshire Council the level of service and expectations that each might have of the other. It is expected that this agreement will be concluded and reported to the next cycle of the Education Committee
- 3.3** In the interim, the Cumnock group have sufficient funds to support their ongoing development until this report is made to Committee in May. The Kilmarnock and Loudoun group however have financial demands for which they have insufficient funds in place and request an interim award of £2000 to meet costs relating to their vehicle and other running costs including utilities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The budget held for both Gift Furniture Schemes is sufficient to meet the interim award of £2,000.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's Community Plan priorities, Partnership Agreements and the principles of participation and involvement through Social Inclusion.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Members of the Education Committee are asked to:

- (i) approve the interim award of £2000 to Kilmarnock and Loudoun Gift Furniture Scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

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Director of Educational and Social Services
15 March 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Applications for funding
- 2. Officers Assessments of application

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