

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE – 5 JULY 2007**

#### **MATCH-FUND BUDGET**

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

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

- 1.1 To recommend to Committee an award from the financial year 2007/2008 Match-Fund budget in respect of the following application for support:
- o Ayrshire Schools Football Association

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Ayrshire Schools' Football Association has been established with its current constitution since 1985 with the primary aim of improving the mental, moral and physical development of schoolchildren through the medium of Association Football. The Association is affiliated to the Scottish Schools' F.A.
- 2.2 The Association offers anyone still at school (both Primary and Secondary) the opportunity to take part in football throughout Ayrshire and potentially gain squad selection. The constitution has no dissolution clause. It has been recommended that this is corrected at the next AGM if they intend to apply for this type of grant in the future. Furthermore the constitution refers to the development of schoolboys, rather than schoolchildren and this requires to be changed to meet Equality guidelines.
- 2.4 This project has been developed in line with East Ayrshire's Community Planning Priorities and will contribute to the themes of Improving Opportunity, Improving Community Safety and Improving Health.
- 2.5 Total cost of the project for the whole of Ayrshire is £4,000, and the group have secured £700 contributions from both North and South Ayrshire Councils.. Within East Ayrshire grant support of £700 is sought to allow East Ayrshire Schools to be included in the project. Full details of the funding package are given in section 3.1.
- 2.12 The grant support will contribute towards transport and hospitality costs for representative teams in the Scottish cups and all costs associated with running such teams. It will further contribute towards running cup competitions at all levels including cost of pitch hire etc for finals.

### **3. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT**

- 3.1 In order that the project can proceed, the total funding package required is £4,000. The Group have secured £700 from North Ayrshire Council and £700 from South Ayrshire Council, with a contribution of £1900 being met by existing funds held by the Group.

3.2 The Youth Sports Development Officer, Neighbourhood Services has carried out an assessment of the match fund application and recommends to Committee a match fund award of £700 representing 18% of overall project costs. .

3.4 The following conditions are also recommended:

- I. that the Association's constitution is amended to include a dissolution clause and to alter terminology to comply with Equality guidelines.

#### **4. SUSTAINABILITY**

4.1 A Risk Assessment has been carried out as part of the Match-Fund assessment process which has established a satisfactory level of sustainability for the project.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The award detailed in Sections 3 can be fully met from the 2006/2008 Match-Fund budget. If approved, the balance remaining to be allocated is £40,092

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no policy/legal implications arising from this report.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a. approve an award of £700 to the Ayrshire Schools' Football Association
- b. otherwise, note the content of this report.

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