

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **HOUSING COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2007**

#### **FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise elected members on the amount of funding provided to external organisations in the current financial year 2006/2007.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the Policy and Resource Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2006, elected members considered a report by the Depute Chief Executive / Executive Director of Corporate Support advising of the outcome of the review of the grants forms, guidance notes and assessment forms in light of the study by Price Waterhouse Coopers of the Council's performance in relation to the funding of external bodies.
- 2.2 It was agreed that Executive Directors would submit annual reports to service committees on funding to external organisations, the report covering:
- the amount of funding, analysed by type and number of organisations, and by service area;
  - for the largest funded bodies, why the funding was provided and how this fits with the Council's corporate objectives; and
  - key risks associated with the external funding provided and how these risks are mitigated.

### **3. PROGRESS**

- 3.1 Appended to this report are details of all grants to external organisations which have been funded by the Housing Revenue Account during the current financial year up to 4 March 2007 (Period 12).
- 3.2 The total value of external funding provided in the period amounts to £4,486. This sum includes 9 awards amounting to £1,800 to voluntary Tenant and Resident Groups within East Ayrshire. The balance is made up of grants awarded to the Scottish Council for Single Homeless, Shelter and the Tenant Information Service in accordance with the decision taken by members at the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2006 to agree to a series of affiliations to outside organisations.
- 3.3 Several tenants groups have submitted applications for funding and discussion is ongoing with the groups concerned to obtain the necessary information from them to allow these applications to be progressed. The

Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland is an approved affiliated organisation for external funding purposes but has not yet submitted its formal request for payment and this is being progressed with officers from that organisation.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Funding to support the resident and tenant organisations in East Ayrshire and the affiliated external organisations highlighted in the report can be met from within agreed Housing Revenue Account budgets.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The provision of funding to resident and tenant organisations in East Ayrshire and the affiliated external organisations highlighted in the report supports the Council in the overall supervision and management of its housing stock and accords with provisions for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account specified in Schedule 15, part 11, 3 (c) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 as amended.

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

- 6.1 The provision of funding to voluntary residents and tenants organisations within East Ayrshire supports their local community development activities and the wider objectives of the Council's agreed Tenant Participation Strategy, Local Housing Strategy and East Ayrshire Community Plan. The funding provided to affiliated external organisations helps support the national work of these organisations to improve standards and influence public policy on housing related issues at a national level.

#### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no significant risks attached to this report.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 It is recommended that members:
- (i) note the funding provided by the Housing Revenue Account to external organisations as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report; and
  - (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report

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## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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## Summary of External Funding Awarded to External Organisations

Awarded by (Department )	Neighbourhood Services - HRA	
Period covered	2006-07 to Period 12 (4 March 07)	
Value of External Funding provided in the period		<b>£4,486.00</b>

### ***Analysis of Grants Awarded***

Analysis by Type of Organisation

Type of Organisation	No of Awards	Amount Awarded
Voluntary Organisation	9	£1,800.00
Trust / Friendly Society		
Charity	<b>2</b>	£2,136.00
Company	1	£550.00

Analysis by Departmental Service Area

Service Area	No of Awards	Amount Awarded
HRA	12	£4,486.00