

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2004

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS BUDGET

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to enable the Local Committee to consider the weightings to be applied in connection with the new mechanism agreed for the future disbursement of Community Grants funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The financial allocation made available for Community Grant awards by the Local Committee for the 2003/3004 period was fully committed by September 2003. It was identified that this level of early demand reflected a pattern which had become increasingly problematic over the last two or three financial years.
- 2.2** At its meeting on 2 September 2003, the Local Committee agreed that options for the future disbursement of the Local Committee's Community Grants budget be presented, including consideration of the mechanisms used by other Local Committees.
- 2.3** At its meeting on 29 October 2003, the Local Committee agreed to adopt the method currently used by the Irvine Valley Local Committee and further agreed that a final decision on the categories/weightings to be applied in respect of the implementation of a new mechanism for the disbursement of grant monies be made at the current meeting of the Local Committee.

3. SUGGESTED CATEGORIES/WEIGHTINGS

- 3.1** The Local Committee will note that the Agenda for the current meeting includes a paper on the Kilmarnock Central Community Grants budget allocation for 2004/2005 which has, as an Appendix, an analysis of the budget spend over the last two financial years. Based on the trends observed over this two year period, the following spending pattern has emerged:-

- older people - 32%;
- sport - 20%;
- leisure - 12%;
- early education and childcare - 10%;
- disability, Community Councils, arts and cultural and young people - 5% each; and
- miscellaneous - 6%.

3.2 Based on this spending pattern, the following categories are suggested:-

- older people - 32%;
- sport and leisure - 32%;
- young people - 15%;
- arts and cultural - 5%;
- disability - 5%; and
- miscellaneous - 11%.

3.3 Clearly, the Local Committee, if it so wishes, can alter these categories/weightings to meet its own priorities. However, using the categories/weightings outlined above, as an example only, a representation is given in Appendix I of the funding which would be available to the Community Council in 2004/2005 to spend under each category at its meetings throughout the financial year.

4. REVIEW OF OPERATION

4.1 It is suggested that a review of the operation of the new method for the disbursement of grant monies, including any weightings applied by the Local Committee, is carried out in March 2005, when the scheme will have been in use for a year.

5. LEGAL/POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended:-

- (i) that the Local Committee considers the categories/weightings which it would wish to apply to the disbursement of grants under the new mechanism;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to implement the new categories/weightings for the disbursement of grant monies; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to submit a report to the Local Committee, reviewing the operation of the new method of disbursement of grant monies at the end of the current financial year.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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APPENDIX 1

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>% ALLOCATION</u>	<u>MAY 2004</u>	<u>AUGUST 2004</u>	<u>OCTOBER 2004</u>	<u>JANUARY 2005</u>	<u>MARCH 2005</u>	<u>ALLOCATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2004/2005</u>
Older People	32	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£7,445.00
Sport & Leisure	32	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£1,489.00	£7,445.00
Young People	15	£698.00	£698.00	£698.00	£698.00	£698.00	£3,490.00
Disability	5	£232.00	£232.00	£232.00	£232.00	£235.00	£1,163.00
Arts and Cultural	5	£232.00	£232.00	£232.00	£232.00	£235.00	£1,163.00
% of Budget For All Other Categories	11	£512.00	£512.00	£512.00	£512.00	£512.00	£2,560.00
TOTAL	100%	£4,652.00	£4,652.00	£4,652.00	£4,652.00	£4,658.00	£23,266.00