

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is (i) to update the Local Committee of the position in respect of the recruitment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007; and (ii) to suggest changes to categories of member organisations determined by the Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve the local community in the decision-making process by inviting appropriate local organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with Named Substitutes.
- 2.2** The Kilmarnock South Local Committee, at its meeting held on 25 January 2006, agreed to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.
- 2.3** The Kilmarnock South Local Committee at its meeting held on 17 May 2006 agreed to review the position regarding long term Community Representative vacancies at a future meeting of the Committee.
- 2.4** As members are aware, the current Local Committee Community Organisation representation on the Local Committee is as follows:-

Standing Organisations

- Community Council (Bellfield);
- Disability (Contact Phab/KFOD);
- Elderly Forum (South Kilmarnock);
- Young People;

Kilmarnock South Appointed Organisations

- Sports Groups;
- Community Association (Shortlees);
- Local Churches;
- Early Education and Childcare;
- Community Residents' Association; and
- Pre-Five Representative.

2.5 Members of the Committee will be aware of the ongoing difficulties which have been experienced in recruiting an Early Education and Childcare Representative, a Community Residents' Association Representative, and a Pre-Five Representative to serve on the Local Committee.

3. APPOINTMENTS FOR 2006/2007: CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 received to date are detailed in the Appendix to this report.

4. SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ORGANISATIONS

4.1 Following consultation with appropriate officers, it is suggested that the Committee give consideration to suggested alternative organisations as detailed below.

4.1.1 Early Education and Childcare Representative

Report officers viewed that this category be replaced by a **Childcare Representative** from the Out of School Care Network to represent children 0-14 years of age.

4.1.2 Pre-School Education (formerly Pre-5 Representative)

Report that Representatives be sought from this sector.

4.1.3 Community Residents Association Representative

Particular problems have been experienced in this category as no nominations have been received and there is no alternative option. Accordingly, the Committee may wish to consider another organisation to be represented on Committee for example Women's Groups, Business Community or Ethnic Minorities.

Alternatively the Committee may wish to include additional member representation from existing groups e.g. further youth representation from a Youth Forum/Association.

5. POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) agree the proposals as detailed in Paragraph 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 above;
- (iii) determine an appropriate category to replace Community Residents Association as detailed in Paragraph 4.1.3 above; and

- (iv) subject to (ii) and (iii) above being agreed, remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitute Community Representatives for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the new organisational sectors detailed in Paragraph 4 above.

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21 August 2006
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence with local community organisations in respect of nominations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper relative to this report should contact Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer, on Telephone Number (01563) 576131. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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APPENDIX

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES
1 APRIL 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2007

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Community Council (Bellfield)	John Timpany	Myra Dunsmuir
Disability (Contact Phab)	Michael Hayes	John Howard
Elderly Forum (South Kilmarnock)	Winnie Campbell	Mrs A Gallacher
Young People	Alannah Colvin	Hayley Mullen
Sports Groups	Susan Anderson	David Coulter
Community Association (Shortlees)	Andrea Laird	Charles Hamilton
Local Churches	Joan Wark	May Proudfoot
<i>Early Education and Childcare</i>		
<i>Community Residents' Association</i>		
<i>Pre-Five Representative</i>		