

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 13 JANUARY 2005

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To invite the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve their local communities in their decision-making process by inviting appropriate Local Committee organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with Named Substitutes.
- 2.2** Local Committees will review the community organisation sector representatives on an annual basis. The review will be subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme but at least one Community Representative should be drawn from each of the "core" community organisation sectors, namely:- Community Councils and the local elderly, disability and youth forums (or equivalent organisations).
- 2.3** In accordance with the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, Community Representative's appointments should terminate on 31 March each successive year. Fresh nominations are required from organisations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve for a period of one year commencing on 1 April each year.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** Having regard to the provisions set out pertaining to community organisation representation on Local Committees, the current Community Representatives, including Named Substitutes for this Committee are as detailed in Appendix 1 hereto.
- 3.2** The current Community Representatives "period of appointment" is due to expire on 31 March 2005. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Committee should now review the present community organisation representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the coming year.

- 3.3** This Local Committee, at its meeting held on 15 January 2003, when considering issues relating to the recruitment of Community Representatives for 2004/05 year, remitted to the Administration Manager to investigate what options were available which would provide for an additional Community Representative and Substitute for this Committee. This decision was taken in light of a request from Southcraigs and Dean Community Council expressing a desire to be represented on the Local Committee, resulting in their being six Community Councils wishing to be represented and their being only five places available and the Local Committee wishing to be in a position to accommodate all six Community Councils.
- 3.4** On 4 March 2004, Council agreed to instigate a review of Community Representative membership on Local Committees.
- 3.5** A report on the outcome of this review was submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 30 September 2004 where it was agreed to continue consideration of the item to enable further information to be obtained in respect of the possible dual representation of Southcraigs and Dean Community Council on the Council's Northern Area and Kilmarnock North Local Committee. In the meantime, the Southcraigs and Dean Community Council has disbanded.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) review community organisation representation to this Local Committee; and
- (iii) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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17 November 2004
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should telephone Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer

APPENDIX 1

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)</u>
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Mr Jim Miller (Mrs Barbara Wiseman)
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Ashley Bell (Mrs Rhoda Gourlay)
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Jim Corson (Ms May McMillan)
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Mrs Jean Brown (George Kerr)
Stewarton & District Community Council	Mr Iain Finlayson (Mrs Mary White)
Community/Residents Association	Mr Charles Lindsay (Mr Alistair Thomson)
Disability Forum	Mrs Fiona Andrew (Mr Jerry Lee)
Elderly Forum	Vacant
Church Forum	Ms Catherine Spicer (Ms Ismay McKenzie)
Youth Forum	Ms Debbie Olson (Mr Ross Barrowman)

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