

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 APRIL 2004

EAST AYRSHIRE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report to advise Policy and Resources Committee of the grant application for 2004/5 for the Volunteer Centre and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire (previously known as East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency) was established in October 2000 by a group of local organisations to promote and develop volunteering throughout East Ayrshire.
- 2.2** The overall aims and objectives include:
- the promotion and development of volunteering within East Ayrshire
 - the recruitment and referral of volunteers to agencies
 - the contribution to the development and delivery of support and training for volunteers
 - the promotion of good practice in recruiting, training, placing and supporting volunteers and volunteer engagers.
- 2.3** In 2002/2003 the volunteer centre supported 152 volunteers. This number has been steadily increasing as the organisation becomes increasingly known throughout the East Ayrshire Area.
- 2.4** In financial year 2003/4 the council awarded a grant of £10,170 plus an in kind contribution of £4,000. This was in addition to the Social Inclusion Partnership funding of £13,000 and an in kind contribution of £2,000.

3. GRANT REQUESTED 2004/2005

- 3.1** The grant requested for 2004/2005 is £16,000, which includes a request for £12,000 in cash and £4,000 in kind. It is proposed to award the Volunteer Centre £10,475 which includes an inflammatory uplift plus an in kind contribution of £4,000.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- i) A grant of £10,475 and an in-kind contribution of £4,000 be approved for the East Ayrshire Volunteer Centre; and
- ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report

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Director of Educational and Social Services

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10 March 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Members wish further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104.

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