

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 APRIL 2005

REMIT FROM IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 30 MARCH 2005 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – IRVINE VALLEY REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a Community Grant application which has been remitted from the Irvine Valley Local Committee of 30 March 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting on 30 March 2005, an item on the Agenda for consideration was a Community Grant application by the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership (Appendix I to the report).
- 2.2 All Members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee are also Directors of the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership – Councillors Macrae, Wilson, Raymond, Finlayson and McDill.
- 2.3 Advice was given by the Administrative Officer at the Local Committee meeting that whilst the Directorships were *ex officio* appointments and the nature of Members' interest was non-financial, it was considered in relation to this item to be sufficiently significant such that in order to ensure compliance with the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Members should not participate in the determination of the application.
- 2.4 The two Irvine Valley Local Committee Members present at the meeting (Councillors Finlayson and McDill) thereafter declared a non-financial interest in the application. This decision had the effect of rendering the Committee unable to determine the application, and under the Scheme of Delegation the application is accordingly submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.
- 2.5 The Irvine Valley Local Committee agreed that views on the application would be sought from the Community Representatives present at the meeting in order that the element of local input was not lost on this occasion. The views were ascertained at the conclusion of the meeting and are summarised under Appendix II to the report.

3. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 It should be noted that the costs of funding for this application, should the Committee approve it, would be met from the 2005/06 Community Grant budget for the Irvine Valley Local Committee.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Policy and Resources Committee are asked:

- (i) to consider the Community Grant application on behalf of the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership which has been remitted from the Irvine Valley Local Committee for consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

31 March 2005

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Appendix I – Community Grant Application Ref CG2969 by Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership

Appendix II – Summary of Community Representatives views on the application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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

Implementation Officer: Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer

APPENDIX II

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2005

APPLICATION BY IRVINE VALLEY REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Responses from Community Representatives to the Application

- This is a very worthwhile project with a huge benefit to the Irvine Valley area and is strongly recommended for approval.
- The Walking Festival helps to regenerate interest in the Irvine Valley area.
- The Festival will increase tourism to the area as paths will be greatly used.
- All Community Councils in the area are involved to promote and attract as many people as possible to participate in this event.
- Local businesses benefited from increased trade as a result of the last walking festival in the area and this event may even lead to new business opportunities.
- It is necessary to promote, encourage and invest in the Festival to ensure the event continues to go from strength to strength each year.