

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2005

EAST AYRSHIRE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is advise Policy and Resources Committee of the grant application for 2005/6 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 financial year 2004/5 the Council awarded a grant of £10,475 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 2005/6

- 3.1** The grant requested for 2005/6 is £12,000, to support the running costs of the Volunteer Centre. It is proposed to award the Volunteer Centre £10,789 which includes an inflationary uplift from last year. An award of £11,000 will be made through Community Regeneration funding subject to Communities Scotland approval. An award of £85,000 has been given by the Scottish Executive.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- i) a grant of £10,789 is approved for the East Ayrshire Volunteer Centre subject to other funding being secured; and

- ii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Grant Application: Grant Reference : ED2876

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