

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2004

AFFILIATION TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATION

Report by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to consider Council affiliation to the Scottish Out-of-School Care Network.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** As an annual process, the Policy and Resources Committee consider all service department and Council affiliations. The report was considered at the last Policy and Resources Committee held on 1 April 2004.
- 2.2** However, due to an administrative error this affiliation was omitted from the previous report.

3. SCOTTISH OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE NETWORK

- 3.1** The Scottish Out-of-School Care Network (SOSCN) promotes quality in out-of-school care clubs across Scotland.

- 3.2** The aims of SOSCN are:

- to provide support, information resources and advice to all involved in out-of-school care;
- to provide a forum to exchange ideas and experiences;
- to encourage good quality care;
- to encourage sharing good practice;
- to promote relevant research, training and relevant qualifications; and
- to organise events and training.

- 3.3** Members of SOSCN include Local Authorities, Out-of-School Care Groups, Networks, Colleges and Training Organisations. The benefits of becoming Members to the organisation are the provision of regular newsletters, consultations, up-to-date policy information affecting out-of-school care, publications, advice, training access to events and assistance with developing local strategies.

- 3.4** The Executive Director of Educational and Social Services has recommend affiliation to this organisation.

- 3.5** There is no requirement for Elected Member representation to the organisation.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The cost of affiliation fee for 2004/05 is £125 which can be met from the budgets contained within the Educational and Social Services Department.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Where appropriate, the service department will seek the necessary legal advice.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee has asked to:-

- (i) agree to affiliate to the Scottish Out-of-School Care Network at a cost of £125 for financial year 2004/05
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to make payment to the organisation.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil

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