

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2004

MATCH FUND APPLICATION

Joint Report by Executive Director (Educational and Social Services) and Acting Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to recommend to the Policy & Resources Committee an award from the financial year 2004/05 match fund budget in respect of a domestic abuse proposal.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Forum secured £15,300 from the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund spread over the two financial years of 2004/05 and 2005/06.
- 2.2** The funding has been secured to consolidate and build on the preventative work previously carried out by East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Forum. The funding will be used to implement a public awareness campaign which will be developed and implemented in conjunction with women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. It will use a range of resources to address the local population generally as well as targetting specific groups such as young people; minority ethnic groups or people with a disability.
- 2.3** The second element of the funding is linked to education and training and the public awareness campaign will be supported by a programme of multi-agency training which will be available to service providers throughout East Ayrshire. Training will be offered to support the implementation of local good practice guidelines which are currently in the final stages of being developed. An abuse prevention programme for pre-school children and their parents will also be developed and implemented within pre-school establishments.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** £15,300 has been secured from the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund up until 31 March 2006. The conditions of the award require match funding of 50% or more from other bodies. Strathclyde Police Community Partnership Fund is providing £3,000 towards the project and East Ayrshire Women's Aid is providing £2,500 in kind contribution linked to the training aspects of the bid. An in kind contribution from East Ayrshire Council of £7,800 will support the graphic and design aspects of the proposal as well as housing elements. The award of £2,000 can be fully met from the 2004/05 match fund budget.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no legal implications arising from this report. The prevention of domestic abuse within East Ayrshire meets both a national priority as well as local priority set within the Community Plan, Children and Young Person's Service Plan and the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** Members of the Policy & Resources Committee are asked to:
- (i) approve an award of £2,000 to match the funding awarded from the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund Application Form: Funding for 2004/05 and 2005/06.

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