

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH 2007

WEST OF SCOTLAND RACE EQUALITY COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of:-

- a) a request for financial assistance which has been received from the West of Scotland Race Equality Council; and
- b) to recommend accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 30 May 2006 the Policy and Resources Committee decided:-

to refuse the application for grant funding from the West of Scotland Race Equality Council for a grant of £3,500.

2.2 This decision were made having regard to the outcome of a review of the funding of Race Equality Councils which had been carried out by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE). This review acknowledged that local groups, such as the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership, are best placed to deliver effective results.

2.3 This decision was consistent with that taken in 2005.

3. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

3.1 The West of Scotland Race Equality Council has submitted a grant application form for the sum of £6,246 for the financial year 2007/08.

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 Having regard to the decision taken by the Committee in 2006 and given that the Council continues to work within the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership it is proposed that the application for funding submitted by the West of Scotland Race Equality Council be rejected.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no policy implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act places a requirement on the Council, through its Race Equality Scheme, that it puts in place the best possible arrangements for the promotion of race equality. Supporting the work of the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership will contribute to the achievement of this objective.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposals contained in this report. In the event of the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership seeking and being granted funding on the same basis as approved by the Committee in 2005, then funds are available from the budget held by the Policy and Resources Committee for this purpose.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Committee is recommended to:-
- a) reject the application for grant funding from the West of Scotland Race Equality Council; and
 - b) ask the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Support to communicate this decision to the West of Scotland Race Equality Council.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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