

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2005

NORTH WEST YOUTH PROJECT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT EVALUATION

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Policy and Resources Committee of the outcome of the annual evaluation of the Service Level Agreement of North West Youth Project and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The aim of the North West Youth Project is to provide informal educational opportunities to young people in the North West Kilmarnock Area.
- 2.2. The Project is managed by a voluntary management committee and supervised by the Community Learning and Development Service.
- 2.3. East Ayrshire Council has agreed a Service Level Agreement with the Management Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2006, which sets targets for the Project and requires annual monitoring to access subsequent years funding.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The Project has been in receipt of annual funding from East Ayrshire Council which provides for their general running and staffing costs in order that they can deliver the service identified within the Service Level Agreement.
- 3.2 Officers have been working with the Project to consider new developments and encourage them to investigate other funding opportunities.
- 3.3 The Project was subject to an evaluation by the Department of Educational and Social Services, Community Learning and Development Service.

4 PERFORMANCE

- 4.1 In 2004/05, 170 young people accessed the youth centre resulting in over 5054 attendances by them at the various groups.

- 4.2** The Project has strong links with a number of projects and organisations such as Dialogue Youth, CHIP Van, and the Action Team for Jobs and this is reflected in the programme for young people.
- 4.3** Young people are regularly consulted on the services delivered by the Project which is routinely reported to the Management Committee.
- 4.4** A new Project Manager was appointed in February 2005.
- 4.5** In 2004/05 the project successfully attracted £18,000 external funding, this included Working for Families funding for Teen Aftercare and the Robertson Trust funding for the community café. This additional funding has enabled them to further develop the programme with young people.
- 4.6** The evaluation concluded that the Project's values, aims and terms are clearly in accordance with the terms of the Core Service Level Agreement and its Agreement Schedule

5 LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Nil.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Annual funding for the project is £64,296.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** Members of the Policy and Resources Committee are asked to:
- (i) approve an annual award of £66,225 to the Project which includes an inflationary uplift; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Service Level Agreement Annual Evaluation Report

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