

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2005

SCOTTISH HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE - REQUEST FOR GRANT

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to ask Members of Policy & Resources Committee to consider a request for funding from the Scottish Human Rights Centre.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Scottish Human Rights Centre was established in 1970 and works closely with local statutory bodies, community voluntary organisations and others to promote human rights in Scotland through research, advice and public education.
- 2.2** In 2004/5 the Council rejected a grant application.
- 2.3** This application was continued from Policy and Resources Committee of 12 April for further information.

3. GRANT REQUESTED

- 3.1** The grant application for this financial year is £2,322. The grant application proposes that all residents of East Ayrshire will benefit from the work of the Scottish Human Rights Centre, in particular, black and ethnic minorities, young people, the elderly, disabled people, and other groups who may suffer disadvantage. The grant will be used to assist in the delivery of free advice and information services; training and support; independent research and awareness raising.
- 3.2** A number of organisations in East Ayrshire and nationally are currently funded to support potentially disadvantaged groups living in East Ayrshire. Many of these groups are already supported by the Council through various grant funding. This includes the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Minority Ethnic law Centre and local disability forums. It is therefore proposed that the grant request from the Scottish Human Rights Centre for financial year 2005/6 is rejected.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Nil

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members of the Policy & Resources Committee are asked to:

- (i) refuse the grant application of £2,322 from the Scottish Human Rights Centre for financial year 2005/6.

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Director of Educational and Social Services

21 March 2005
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Grant application from the Scottish Human Rights Centre- Grant Ref: CG2917.

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