

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2005**

**SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION**

**Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the grant application from the Scottish Refugee Council and to make recommendations accordingly.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Scottish Refugee Council was established in 1985 to work in partnership with statutory and voluntary agencies in relation to addressing the needs of refugees and asylum seekers and training, information and advice to agencies.
- 2.2 This application was continued from Policy and Resources Committee of 12 April for further information.

**3. PURPOSE OF GRANT APPLICATION**

- 3.1 The purpose of the grant is towards the maintenance and development of the Scottish Refugee Council's information services, including their website, published briefings and printed/translated information. It also seeks to support access to the expertise of the housing team, education, employment team, legal and welfare advice team and community development team. In 2004/5 no grant funding was awarded.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The grant application in this financial year is for £2,000. The grant requested aims to contribute towards the cost of information services and briefings. The Council has not routinely required to use these services. The Council has also increased it's level of funding to the Ethnic Minority Law Centre which provides services direct to individuals.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 NIL

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Members are asked to:
- (i) refuse the grant application of £2,000 from the Scottish Refugee Council for 2005/6; and

- (ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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21 March 2005

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Grant Application from the Scottish Refugee Council – Grant Ref: ED2983

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