

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**EXTERNAL FUNDING SUMMARY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 05/06  
AND  
EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATE – 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL-30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006**

**Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Policy & Resources Committee with:
- a summary report of external funding activity for the financial year 05/06
  - an update on progress in relation to external funding activity for Quarter 1 06/07
  - an update on changes to European Funding Programmes 2007-2013.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council's external funding activity has been centralised within Corporate Support from October 2005. A small team has been established comprising the External Funding and Sustainability Officer, appointed October 2005, and transfer of the External Funding and Sustainability Worker from the Community Planning and Partnership Unit of the department, both of whom report directly to the Executive Director.
- 2.2 The External Funding Team operates as the first point of call for external funding advice both internally and externally, supported by the use of the East Ayrshire 4 Funding database. Co-ordination of activity is carried out through an expanded External Funding Network which currently comprises nominated officers from various Council Services and the Council for Voluntary Organisations (CVO).
- 2.3 The External Funding and Sustainability Officer has established a network of contacts across Council Services, Community Planning Partners and external funding bodies to review current and future operational progress and external funding priorities and opportunities.

- 2.4 The external funding environment is set to change significantly from 2006 onwards. The External Funding and Sustainability Officer, in conjunction with David Hewet of Development and Property Services have continued to participate on the consultation and lobbying processes relevant to these changes.
- 2.5 This report provides an update to that previously presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2005. This report incorporates information on external funding gains secured to the East Ayrshire area for the financial year 05/06, and information provided by the Executive Head of Finance on additional funding gains to East Ayrshire Council for the fiscal year.

### 3. EXTERNAL FUNDING ACTIVITY – FINANCIAL YEAR 05/06

- 3.1 The External Funding and Sustainability Officer and Worker provided advice and support to a number of internal and external clients and participated in a range of external groups in order to support this function. Levels of activity for the year 05/06, with comparisons to the previous year 04/05 where such information is available, are summarised in the table below:

Activity	Total 05/06	Total 04/05
Support meetings with groups to provide advice and support on funding	205	149
Internal meetings regarding funding support	101	61
Support meetings with Community Planning Partners	13	Not split 04/05 counted in above figure for groups
Meetings with External Funding Bodies	12	9
Presentations given – higher level 04/05 due to launch of J4B Fund finder programme	9	12
Facilitation at Information Events	4	6
EFN Sub Group Meetings serviced	11	16
Attendance at Seminars & launches	14	n/a
Scottish Funding Officer Group meetings	8	Previously attended by Development Services

- 3.2 Advice and guidance has been provided in support of 70 external funding applications with a total value of c. £2m. The most significant of these being:
- Cultural Marketing Programme, East Ayrshire -£226,736 ERDF, led by the Arts & Museums Service
  - Working for Families - £161,904 ESF, led by Economic Development

- Barony 'A' Frame Restoration Project – total package £1,086,786, including:
  - Heritage Lottery Fund £484,500
  - Historic Scotland £237,249
  - Coalfield Regeneration Trust - £62,000
  - Minerals Trust £60,000

3.3 The External Funding and Sustainability Officer is the Council's nominated representative on the West of Scotland European Consortium, Scottish Lottery Officers Group, Local Authority Rural Network, all of which seek to influence future strategy and policy from the major funding sources. Given the changes in all three programmes significant activity continues to take place, and regular updates are provided to the Council's External Funding Network for onward transmission.

3.4 Since October 2005 three External Funding Network Sub-Groups have been established to:

- stimulate and co-ordinate Council and partner applications;
- review and develop operational protocols;
- review and develop evaluation and monitoring regimes and training activity; as agreed by the Corporate Management Team in February 2006.

3.5 The External Funding and Sustainability Worker is currently funded through the Community Regeneration Fund Community Voices Programme and as such requires to report against ROA Output targets set at the time of application. The first Annual Report for the financial year 2005/6 has now been submitted, with key performance indicators achieved as in the table below.

ROA Output	Annual Target	Project Performance
		Total 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006
63 groups and voluntary organisations securing external funding	21	32
£315,000 external funding secured	£105,000	£903,464*
244 applications submitted	81	70*
50 training/surgeries provided	16	25

\*These figures represent only those applications where the EFSW has actively contributed to advising on/writing funding applications. Other applications which may have been generated as a result of advice on which funders to approach have not been included.

- 3.6 While the number of applications is slightly lower than Annual target, the value of funding secured has exceeded the three year target by nearly 200%, which is indicative of the complexity of some of the applications where support has been provided.
- 3.7 As a result of the high levels of outputs achieved to date, the External Funding & Sustainability Officer has revised target output levels for years 2 and 3 in discussion with the Community Planning and Partnerships Unit.

### **East Ayrshire 4 Funding**

- 3.8 East Ayrshire 4 Funding was established on 1 April 2005 and was formally launched on 16 May 2005 and can be assessed at [www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk) It provides a streamlined and cohesive approach to external funding and enables groups and businesses to identify the best range of funders for their particular projects/initiatives.
- 3.9 The three components of the East Ayrshire 4 Funding site are:

East Ayrshire 4 Community – provides access to information on local and national funders for the voluntary and community sectors, including details of over 4,500 charitable trusts.

East Ayrshire 4 Business – allows local businesses to access information on the funding available for a wide range of business activities from, for example, the Government and the European Union.

East Ayrshire 4 Social Enterprise – allows social enterprises to identify funding and support, again from both local and national funders.

- 3.10 Activity in relation to each component of the site for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 (part year) is detailed in the table below.

Name	Number of Registered Users	Number of Hits (A "Hit" is every function an individual carries out during his/her "Visit" )	Number of Visits (A "visit" is when he/she enter the site)
East Ayrshire 4 Community	181	56408	1046
East Ayrshire 4 Business	84	15572	343
East Ayrshire 4 Social Enterprise	38	8021	233

## **European Funding Awards**

- 3.11 The last call for the current Scottish Objective 3 programme was mid 2005, for projects to run to the end of the programme period - currently 31st December 2007. Awards were announced in November 2005 with all five East Ayrshire Council applications being approved - a total value of £1,185,197 ESF support. In ranking terms this placed East Ayrshire second highest behind Glasgow City for the final round. These applications were all developed with advice and assistance from Development & Property Services.
- 3.12 Two deadlines for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> rounds of project applications for the current Scottish Objective 2 programme and the final call for the Scottish Objective 3 Rolling Programme Measures, fell during the year.
- 3.13 Two projects were approved under the 16<sup>th</sup> round of the West of Scotland Objective 2 programme securing £182,000 of ERDF and £109,679 of ESF to continue the work of East Ayrshire Woodlands, bringing the total amount of European Funding awarded during the year to £1,476,876.
- 3.14 A further two projects were subsequently developed by the Arts & Museums Section of Neighbourhood Services and Economic Development Department of Development and Property Services respectively for the 17<sup>th</sup> round.
- Objective 2 – Cultural Marketing Programme, East Ayrshire -£226,736 ERDF
  - Objective 2 – Working for Families,- £161,904 ESF

## **Lottery External Funding Gains**

- 3.15 A summary of Lottery awards during the year 05/06 is given in the table below, with comparative figures for the 04/05.
- 3.16 It should be noted that the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) allocated significant amounts of funding to the provision of school sports facilities during the year 04/05 on a one-off basis, which accounts for £1,535,030 of NOF gains in that year. Discounting this figure, there was an overall rise in the number and value of successful Lottery Fund applications over the year. This represents a significant achievement, given that both the Community Fund and New Opportunities Fund closed in August 2005 and was not immediately replaced by the New Big Lottery Fund, which was only launched in April 2006.

	05/06	05/06	04/05	04/05
SOURCE	NO OF GRANTS	AMOUNT £	NO OF GRANTS	AMOUNT £
Community Fund	21	1,211,135	13	338,917
Heritage Lottery Fund	7	742,108	5	141,618
New Opportunities Fund	23	134,957	27	1,758,705
Sports Scotland	5	14,455	4	11,301
Home Front Scheme	9	51,421	2	11,350
Scottish Arts Council	4	21,912	6	26,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,175,988</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2,288,051</b>

The most significant awards during 05/06 were:

Barony "A" Frame Trust - £484,500  
Auchinleck One Stop Shop - £300,000  
East Ayrshire council (Dick Institute) - £203,000  
Kuloc Chinese Community Association - £190,684  
East Ayrshire Carers Centre - £188,800  
Dunlop and District Community Company - £151,500  
Bellsbank Adventure Playground - £146,096  
East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau - £141,485

### **Non Lottery External Funding Gains – East Ayrshire Council**

- 3.17 At its Meeting on 10 June 2004, the Policy and Resources Committee, agreed that in addition to Lottery funding gains, it should receive a report on wider external funding gains brought into the area. These wider funding gains are secured from organisations and agencies such as the Scottish Executive, Communities Scotland, Strathclyde European Partnership and are summarised in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.18 The figures recorded are in respect of funding gains that have been secured through a bidding process and by the efforts of staff across all Council services. For the purposes of this report and to ensure consistency, the definition of non Lottery external funding gains specifically excludes funds which are distributed as part of a Scottish Executive initiative to all local authorities.
- 3.19 A summary of the non Lottery external funding gains for 2004/05 and 2005/06 is provided in the table overleaf.

- 3.20 Although the year on year comparator shows a decrease of £1.414m, the external funding gains secured to East Ayrshire are substantial, amounting to £22.630m.

<b>Funding Secured Through Bids (2004/05)</b>	<b>Funding Secured Through Bids (2005/06)</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
24,045,196	22,630,850

The external funding gains secured to East Ayrshire as a result of this exercise are substantial, amounting to £22.6m. Although the year on year comparator shows a decrease, if capital grants, which relate to one-off large scale projects are disregarded, then the actual comparison is an increase in funding of £1.5m.

- 3.21 It should be noted that the available amount of European Structural Funds diminished considerably from previous years, as the current 2005-2006 programme draws to a close. Certain measures under both the Objective3 ESF programme and the Objective 2 ERDF and ESF Programmes closed for further bids. In addition Grant intervention rates under the Objective 2 programme were reduced from an average of 50% to an average of 35%. Despite this situation East Ayrshire Council did particularly well in accessing ESF funding as highlighted under para 3.8 above.

### **Co-ordination and Prioritisation of Activity**

- 3.22 The expanded External Funding Network met quarterly during the second half of the year to plan activity for 2006/2007 and make recommendations regarding future co-ordination and prioritisation of activity, which were subsequently approved by CMT in February 2006

### **Funding Seminars**

- 3.22 Two events took place during the year, aimed at raising awareness of new Lottery funding priorities.
- 3.23 Young People's Fund, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006 - to raise awareness of the YPF and provide a forum to discuss co-ordination of project development and applications for the ring fenced element of this fund for East Ayrshire - £312,000.
- 3.24 This event was attended by over 60 people, including Council Officers, representatives of local Community & Voluntary Organisations and young people. A number of potential projects and organisational groupings were identified, the

development of which will be supported by members of the External Funding Network. Three particular issues emerged which are likely to lead to co-operative applications:

- Networking and sharing of youth work best practice/expertise throughout East Ayrshire
- Library development programmes for youth
- Community benefit apprenticeship programme

3.25 The Big Lottery Manifesto 2006 – Investing in Communities seminar took place 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006. This seminar provided an initial platform for BLF to explain the new funding streams and change of approach to project development to representatives of Local Authorities and CVOs in Ayrshire. and was attended by 35 Officers from across Council Services, with an evening Open Event attended by over 60 representatives of local voluntary and community organisations.

3.26 The new Investing in Communities grants opened for application in early May and a number of potential applications are already under discussion with the External Funding Team. BLF held a “Big Day Out” event in conjunction with the Council and the CVS network on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006. This was a full day event which provided:

- training for officers involved in putting in applications and/or supporting groups with applications, in the morning;
- surgery sessions to discuss specific potential projects during the afternoon;
- an open information event for community groups and potential public sector applicants during the evening.

The External Funding and Sustainability Officer co-ordinated this event, in conjunction with the External Funding Network.

3.27 The Big Day Out proved a great success, with 35 officers from various council Services attending the morning training session; 16 local projects receiving one-to-one advice during the afternoon and over 100 individuals representing, 56 separate community and voluntary organisations attending the evening open information event.

3.28 The External Funding network will be reviewing feedback forms collected on the day and establishing the necessary follow-up contact in order to assist groups to develop funding applications as appropriate.

## EXTERNAL FUNDING ACTIVITY – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 06/07

- 4.1 The External Funding and Sustainability Officer and Worker have provided advice and support to a number of internal and external clients and participated in a range of external groups in order to support this function. Levels of activity from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and a cumulative total of activity for the financial year, is given in the table below:

Activity	1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter 06/07	Comparative Quarter 05/06	Annual Total (05/06)
Support meetings with groups to provide advice and support on funding	55	38	205
Presentations given	2	2	9
Facilitation at Information Events	0	1	4
Internal meetings regarding funding support	17	26	101
Meetings with Funders	5	1	12
EFN Sub Group Meetings serviced	3	1	11
Support meetings with Community Planning Partners	4	0	13
Attendance at Seminars & launches	4	1	14
Scottish Funding Officer Group meetings	4	0	8

- 4.2 Advice and guidance has been provided in support of 16 external funding applications with a total value of £2,209,753. The most significant of these being:
- Kilmarnock Townscape Heritage Initiative, £1,990,000, led by the Planning Service
  - Workforce Training & Development Objective 3 ESF, £127,456, led by Early Years Service
  - Darvel Skateboard Club - £31,400 FSA, £25,000 Young People's Fund

- 4.3 During the period two External Funding Network Sub-Groups have met and agreed first drafts for procedures to cover:

External & internal projects up to total costs of £10k

External & internal projects up to total costs of £50k

External & internal projects over £51k

Key Council or Community Planning Regeneration Projects

Procedures for Councils Match-Fund Budget allocation and expansion to cover Developers Fund etc  
 Feedback/update Survey  
 as agreed by CMT in February.

- 4.4 The External Funding and Sustainability Worker is currently funded through the Community Regeneration Fund Community Voices Programme and as such requires to report against ROA Output targets set at the time of application. The first Quarters figures for the financial year 2006/7 are given below, against revised targets agreed at the end of last financial year.

3 Year ROA Output	Annual Target	Project Performance	% of Annual
		Total 1 April 2006 - 30 June 2006	Target achieve
80 groups and voluntary organisations securing external funding	27	12	44%
£2,500,000 external funding secured	833,000	102,897	12%
220 applications submitted	73	21	29%
30 training/surgeries provided	10	9	90%

\*These figures represent only those applications where the EFSW has actively contributed to advising on/writing funding applications. Other applications which may have been generated as a result of advice on which funders to approach have not been included.

### East Ayrshire 4 Funding

- 4.5 Activity in relation to each component of the East Ayrshire 4 Funding for the period 1 April 2006 to 30 June 2006 is detailed in the table below.

Name	Number of Registered New Users	Number of Hits (A "Hit" is every function an individual carries out during his/her "Visit" )	Number of Visits (A "visit" is when he/she enter the site)
East Ayrshire 4 Community	35	15971	225
East Ayrshire 4 Business	24	4517	105
East Ayrshire 4 Social Enterprise	18	2731	69

## External Funding Gains

- 4.6 ESF applications A further call for Objective 3 applications under Measures 1.1, 4A.2 and 5.1. with a deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
- 4.7 Two projects were subsequently submitted by for Objective 3 funding, the outcome of which will be announced in September 2006:
- Workforce Training and Development – ESF £127,456 by Education, Early Years
  - Working for Families – ESF £161,904 by Economic Development
- 4.8 One ERDF project submitted by the Arts & Museums Service was approved during the period:  
Cultural Marketing Programme, East Ayrshire – ERDF £226,736
- 4.9 A summary of other external funding awards during the period is given in the table below:

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>NO OF GRANTS 1.4.06- 30.06.06</b>	<b>AMOUNT £</b>	<b>Comparison with 1.4.05- 30.06.05</b>	<b>Comparison £</b>
<b>Big Lottery Fund Awards for All</b>	12	40897	11	38936
<b>Big Lottery Fund – Young Peoples Fund</b>	1	25000	N/A	N/A
<b>Coalfield Regeneration Trust</b>	1	62000	1	10,000
	14	127,897	12	48,936

The most significant of these for the Quarter being:

Barony “A” Frame Trust = £62,000  
Muirkirk Enterprise Group - £25,000

## Co-ordination and Prioritisation of Activity

- 4.10 The expanded External Funding Network met once during the period to plan activity for 2006/2007 and implement the recommendations approved by CMT in February 2006

Discussions took place on arrangements for The Big Day Out, which took place for East Ayrshire on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006. All agreed that a strong turnout from the Council should be encouraged.

## **Key Projects**

4.11 The following key projects are under discussion with a view to progressing external funding applications during the next quarter:

- Kilmarnock Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Community Transport Forum
- Auchinleck One Stop Shop
- Netherthird Community Centre
- CVO(EA) – Community Workwise project

## **5. EUROPEAN FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2007-2013**

### **European Structural Funds Programme 2007-1013**

- 5.1 The Executive undertook a series of Stakeholder events to discuss the proposed delivery mechanisms and draft priorities for ERDF and ESF during the year, as part of their consultation process.
- 5.2 It is proposed that there will be a Single Lowland Scotland Competitiveness Programme (ERDF) but it will not be earmarked for specific areas, unlike the present Objective Two Programmes. There will be a parallel Lowland Scotland Employment Programme (ESF) (similar to the current Objective Three Programme.)
- 5.3 While the final budget for the 2007-2013 programme has not yet been agreed, it is clear that there will be no more than 40% of the previous levels of ERDF and ESF available. In addition, coverage could be Scotland wide, rather than targeted on specific areas as at present, which would increase the eligible population coverage by around 45%, further diluting the amount of funds left available for the West of Scotland. East Ayrshire will require to compete within a Lowland Scotland Programme that will include areas of opportunity as well as areas of need, city areas and rural areas.
- 5.4 Details regarding the themes and priorities for Competitiveness and Employment funding are currently subject to further consultation but are likely to remain close to those suggested in consultation documentation, as follows:
- 5.6 The Scottish Executive has suggested the following priorities for the Lowland Scotland ERDF and ESF Programmes:-

ERDF	Innovation and Enterprise Community Regeneration Sustainability
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ESF                    Access to the labour market  
                          Improving the skills levels of employees  
                          Life Long Learning Environment

Regional Employment Programmes will focus on implementing the European Employment Strategy and the National Employment Action Plans.

- 5.7 It is proposed that part of the Structural Funds allocated to Lowland Scotland be top sliced to support the delivery of Programmes of Projects contained within National Agency strategies such as that for Scottish Enterprise.
- 5.8 The EU has also proposed that there will be a guaranteed urban dimension within the mainstream of regional policy with an allocation of Competitiveness funding to a new URBAN+ Focus. Eligible areas would be agreed by member states in consultation with the regions. This issue is the subject of a consultation exercise currently being conducted by the European Commission.
- 5.9 The Local Authority response to these emerging issues is being co-ordinated both through WOSEC and COSLA. The External Funding Officer and Senior Policy Officer, Development and Property Services continue to liaise and participate in this process.
- 5.10 The Council has responded to all consultation and feedback requests, taking the opportunity to reiterate the same key messages regarding the proposals, namely:

A recognition that the structural funds programmes in the UK for 2007-2013 will receive substantially less than in previous programme periods, therefore it is necessary that the funds are used to maximum effect and aligned with Scottish Executive's Regeneration Policy Statement.

Geographic targeting on areas of high priority is essential as well as thematic targeting.

Support needs to remain available for physical regeneration and infrastructure projects.

ERDF and ESF allocations should not be split 50:50 but 60:40 in recognition of the need for supporting physical regeneration and to reflect the fact that the UK has already met a number of the Lisbon employment targets.

Regional allocations should not be population based but a function of competitiveness and labour market disparities.

A single Lowland Scotland programme must retain decision making mechanisms and monitoring systems which ensure regional priorities are addressed and transparency and additionality is achieved.

A move to single stream funding (e.g. through Scottish Enterprise National, Job Centre Plus or Communities Scotland) is not the best solution to ensure sufficient flexibility to allow local partners to develop and realize regeneration strategies targeted at areas of particular need.

Implementation would be better achieved through:

Retaining a West of Scotland programme, or  
Supporting the implementation of Economic Forum Strategies, or  
Through Community Planning Partnerships

- 5.11 The East Ayrshire comments reflect the broad themes of joint responses to the same consultations from the Alliance for Regional Aid (ARA) and West of Scotland European Consortium (WOSEC). Every opportunity has been taken to highlight the continuing levels of need in the area, as identified within the Regeneration Policy Statement, and the strength of the existing Community Planning Partnership.
- 5.12 At a meeting of local Government Officers with Scottish Executive Civil Servants on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006 it was suggested that the Executive were favorably disposed to use Community Planning Partnerships as a vehicle for delivering some elements of the new programme. Its preliminary view was that a number of areas be chosen as pilots during the first part of the programme.
- 5.13 The Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership is lobbying strongly for implementation through an expanded CVCPP which would include Ayrshire. Such a proposal may not be in the best interests of Ayrshire as there is a danger that the city region focus may marginalize significant parts of Ayrshire. Some of the existing CVCPP Authorities are thought to be equally concerned about this approach and the danger that it would result in a largely Glasgow-centric programme.
- 5.14 A paper was outlining the issues and opportunities related to the above were discussed at the Community Planning Partnership Joint Officers Group in June. The Joint Officers Group concluded that an Ayrshire wide Community Planning Consortium would be the preferable route to safeguard the best interests of East Ayrshire. This message will now be incorporated into future responses and consultations and followed through with WOSEC and COSLA.
- 5.15 Subsequent to this paper the External Funding and Sustainability Officer has been asked to pursue further discussions with the External Funding Officers of both North and South Ayrshire Councils, prior to a meeting of the three CPP Managers.

## **Rural Development Regulation**

- 5.16 Details regarding the themes and priorities for the Scottish Rural Development Regulation are currently subject to consultation. The Scottish Executive is once again undertaking a series of stakeholder events to discuss the areas on which future programming should focus and how these can fit with Scottish priorities. The three themes they are proposing for the strategy are:
- Theme 1 – Underpinning performance and quality in the agriculture
  - Theme 2 – Enhancing rural landscapes and the natural heritage
  - Theme 3 – Promoting a more diverse rural economy and thriving rural communities food processing and forestry sectors
- 5.17 LEADER will cease to operate as a separate Structural Fund programme from the beginning of 2007, becoming an integrated component of the new RDP. It is unclear as yet if there will be any “competitive” element of LEADER funds available to be bid for , and if so, at what geographic and financial level.
- 5.18 Co-ordination of the Local Authority response to the emerging RDR is being carried out via the Local Government Rural Network. The External Funding & Sustainability Officer is participating in this process.
- 5.19 The External Funding & Sustainability Officer co-ordinated a response on behalf of East Ayrshire Council to the consultation regarding the themes and priorities for the Scottish Rural Development Regulation.
- 5.20 The EFO represented the Community Planning Partnership at a meeting convened by SEERAD to discuss the potential role of CPPs in delivery of the new Rural Development Regulation, and in particular the LEADER element of the programme.
- 5.21 Once again, a positive view of CPP involvement seems to be likely. Currently Ayrshire does not benefit from leader Funds and the Executive have confirmed that it would be desirable for all of Scotland to participate under the next programme if sufficient funds are available. They expressed the desire to discuss “Ayrshire” participation in due course.
- 5.22 Once again, this has been reported to the Community Planning Partnership and discussions will take place on the RDR at the same time as Structural Fund discussions referred to in Item 5.15.

## **Scotland/Ireland Programme (Interreg)**

- 5.23 The proposal for a Cross Border programme between Scotland, Ireland and Southern Ireland has been confirmed during the period. All of Ayrshire will be eligible to participate in the programme. Total funding available has yet to be confirmed and a series of stakeholder events is now underway to determine the content of the programme.
- 5.24 The EFSO is participating in these discussions in consultation with David Hewet from Economic Development. Initial programme themes have been circulated round the External Funding Network and subsequent comments fed back into the consultation meetings.
- 5.25 The list of eligible activities to be included in the Programme includes the development of cross-border economic, social and environmental activities through joint strategies for sustainable territorial development. The future programme may include activities under all or some of the following headings:
- Enterprise** – By encouraging entrepreneurship, in particular the development of Small and Medium Enterprises, tourism, culture, and cross-border trade;
  - Environment** – By encouraging the protection and joint management of the environment;
  - Linkages** – By supporting links between urban and rural areas;
  - Access** – By reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services, and cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities;
  - Collaboration** – By developing collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures in particular in sectors such as health, culture, tourism and education.
  - Co-operation** – In addition, the ERDF may contribute to promoting legal and administrative cooperation, the integration of cross-border labour markets, local employment initiatives, gender equality and equal opportunities, training and social inclusion, and sharing of human resources and facilities for Research & Technological Development.
- 5.26 Development of the draft programme is anticipated by October 2006 and this will be circulated for information in due course.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the terms of the report:

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**Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**  
**4 September 2006**

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Draft National Strategic Reference Framework – EU Structural Funds Programmes: 2007-2013 – Consultation issued by the Department of Trade and Industry 28 February, 2006.

The Scottish Parliament – European and External Relations Committee – The UK Governance National Strategic Reference Framework and (an enquiry into the Scottish Executive's plans for future Structural Funds Programmes 2007-2013 – Terms of Reference – 26 April, 2006.

Rural Development Programme for Scotland 2007-2013 – Environment and Rural Affairs Department, Scottish Executive – 4th April 2006.

Department of Culture, Media and Sport – National Lottery Awards 04/05

Department of Culture, Media and Sport – National Lottery Awards 05/06

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## EXTERNAL FUNDING GAINS 2005/06

Appendix 1

FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT	SUBJECT TO BIDS	SUBJECT TO BIDS
Scottish Executive	Supporting People		
	Kerbside Recycling	2,560,000	1,996,000
	Criminal Justice		
	Changing Childrens Services		
	A76, A71 and Cumnock - Public Transport	700,000	1,100,000
	Community Based Wardens / Anti Social Behaviour	842,730	935,550
	Probationary Teachers	352,177	634,100
	Working for Families	600,000	600,000
	Partners in Excellence		
	CSDF Youth Crime		
	Modernising Government		
	FLaT Project		312,408
	Teacher Job Sizing		
	Quality Improvement / Educational Psychology		
	20 MPH Zones	257,000	257,000
	Noise Nuisance Grant		234,388
	Determined to Succeed		
	Hostels Grant		
	Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	195,000	205,000
	Educational Attainment of Looked After Children		
	Major Road Safety Improvements		
	Support Staff in Schools		
	B7081 Western Corridor	85,000	172,821
	Early Years Workforce		
	Improved Lighting		
	Local Action Fund		
	Youth Justice		
	Common Police Services		
	Childrens Change Fund		
	Throughcare		
	Intensive Support Fund		
	Fast Track Children's Hearings		
	Community Safety Partnership		
	Citizens of a Multilingual World		100,303
	Homemakers		
	Choose Life		
	Improving Fostering Services		
	Revolving Fund for Demolitions		
	SWF - Waste Management Audits		62,500
	Framework for Intervention		
	SWF - Strategic Outline Case		59,912
	ICT Strategy - Early Years		
	National Parenting Pilot		
	Science Strategy		
	Abandoned Vehicles		
	Houses in Multiple Occupation Officer		
	Maintenance of Amenity Areas		
	Mental Health Act		
	Cooksafe	8,033	40,000
	Assessments for Learning		
	School Estate Management		28,170
	Child Pedestrian Training Co-ordinator	24,000	24,000
	Footways & Bridges		
	Smoking Legislation		
	Staged Interventions		
	FSA - Feedstuffs Enforcement		
	Public Health Capacity Building		10,000
Gaelic Education	118,100		
BNSF	2,250,000		
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>Galston, Crookedholm &amp; Riccarton Flood Prevention</b>	<b>1,223,087</b>	
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>A76 Crossroads Roundabout</b>	<b>641,311</b>	
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>Kilmarnock Town Centre Transportation Plan</b>	<b>399,056</b>	
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>Energy Efficiency Fund</b>	<b>350,575</b>	
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>Contaminated Land Grant - Greenholm/Greenbraes Cumno</b>	<b>309,000</b>	
<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>20's Plenty &amp; rural Route Action Plans</b>		
	Community Based Youth Justice		
	Revolving Maintenance Fund		
	Leisure United	36,946	
	Glaisnock Shopping Centre		
	Summer Projects		
		<b>10,952,015</b>	<b>6,772,152</b>
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	Adult Projects including Learning Disabled & Mental illness	2,675,894	3,150,990
	Fieldwork Projects	1,466,708	1,532,992
	Older People's Projects	1,289,683	1,334,521
	Children & Families Projects including Drugs	198,044	204,153
	Recreation Partnership	145,939	172,522
	Skills Training	11,613	
	Analyst Costs	5,000	
		<b>5,792,881</b>	<b>6,395,178</b>
Communities Scotland	East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CRF)		4,033,000
	Homeless Persons Strategy	486,700	486,700
	Financial Inclusion		350,000
	Homeless Persons (Furnished Tenancies)	233,000	247,434
	East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CVP)		60,000
	Common Housing Register	50,000	50,000
	Private Sector Assistant		24,706
	Landlord Leasing Scheme		18,750
	Empty Homes Action Plan & Database		12,000
	Community Planning Partnership		10,000

## EXTERNAL FUNDING GAINS 2005/06

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FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT	SUBJECT TO BIDS	SUBJECT TO BIDS
	Voluntary Accreditation Scheme - Feasibility Study		6,000
	Lead Tenancy Scheme		4,375
	Landlord Information Pack		3,000
	East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP	2,181,098	
	SIP - Tackling Drugs Misuse	102,025	
	SIP - Community Empowerment	60,000	
	Housing Stock Option Appraisal	55,200	
		<b>3,168,023</b>	<b>5,305,965</b>
European Funding (ESF & ERDF)	Coalfield Access Project	380,791	570,570
	East Ayrshire Woodlands	582,583	517,200
	Job Rotation Project	178,946	437,020
	CONDUIT Programme	365,664	236,519
	East Ayrshire Dynamic Market	123,511	150,500
	SVQ Assessors	130,000	120,000
	Business Technology Training Centre	78,664	56,223
	Develop Craft Ayrshire	38,087	55,589
	Skills Training	53,632	23,428
	20 The Foregate		19,567
	Internationalisation Programme		1,028
	Irvine Valley Regeneration Project	93,000	
	Element of Change	46,538	
		<b>2,071,416</b>	<b>2,187,644</b>
SUSTRANS	Westrans Quickspend	520,000	149,000
		<b>520,000</b>	<b>149,000</b>
New Opportunities Fund	PE & Sport Initiative	158,433	179,724
	New Sporting Futures	93,136	90,952
	NW Learning Centre	44,475	61,032
	Play Activity Monitor	57,014	58,600
	Sports Motivator	57,014	58,600
	Walking Development	41,300	46,973
	Urban Adventure Learning		34,860
	Out of School Arts	32,788	33,400
	Shortlees Community Learning	21,085	8,696
		<b>505,245</b>	<b>572,837</b>
Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire	Skills Training	332,096	433,861
	20 The Foregate	61,000	
	Cumnock Town Centre and Transport Assessments	33,000	
		<b>426,096</b>	<b>433,861</b>
East Ayrshire Employment Initiative	Skills Training - Short Job Focus		26,892
	Skills Training - New Deal	200,116	15,390
		<b>200,116</b>	<b>42,282</b>
Scottish Arts Council	Youth Music Initiative	94,943	189,886
	Investment in Drama	62,000	52,000
	Championing Culture	13,750	37,800
	Elements of Change		36,700
	Youth Theatre		10,500
	CCiSS Project Minstrel in the Gallery	10,345	10,345
	Christine Borland Project		7,479
		<b>181,038</b>	<b>344,710</b>
Sports Scotland	Active Schools		277,000
	Sports Coordinators	139,040	29,725
	Girls Football Development	20,000	20,000
		<b>159,040</b>	<b>326,725</b>
Dawn Construction	Kilmarnock Hopper Bus Service / Queens Drive Traffic Lights	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Premier Prisons	Social Work HMP Kilmarnock	123,932	
		<b>123,932</b>	<b>0</b>
Hunter Foundation	Schools Enterprise	98,100	111,800
		<b>98,100</b>	<b>111,800</b>
Countryside Agency	Countryside Ranger Service	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Strathclyde Police	Community Planning Partnership		5,000
	Night Leagues	10,000	
	EA Extreme	3,000	
	Vandalism Initiative	2,700	
	Fanatical about Crime	1,351	
		<b>17,051</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Auchinleck Property Owners	Auchinleck Property Improvement Scheme	13,000	
		<b>13,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Scottish Rugby Union	Rugby Development	11,250	11,250
		<b>11,250</b>	<b>11,250</b>
Strathclyde Fire Brigade	Nursery Packs	3,000	
	Grass Fire Initiative	2,000	
		<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Thistle Taxis	Road Runner Initiative	1,000	
		<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
CISWO	Auchinleck One Stop Shop	109	
		<b>109</b>	<b>0</b>
Minerals Trust	Skills Training		14,728
		<b>0</b>	<b>14,728</b>
		<b>24,045,196</b>	<b>22,630,850</b>