

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE –20 SEPTEMBER 2005

AYRSHIRE RACE EQUALITY PARTNERSHIP - 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 Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership (AREP); and
 - b) to recommend accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 8 February 2005 the Policy and Resources Committee decided:-
- a) reject the application for grant funding from the West of Scotland Race Equality Council; and
 - b) ask the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to communicate this decision to the West of Scotland Race Equality Council.
 - c) to note that funds were available to cover an application for financial assistance for £3,500 in the event of such an application being submitted by the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership
- 2.2 The foregoing decisions 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

3. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 3.1 The Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership has now submitted a claim for the sum of £3,500 for the financial year 2004/05. This application allows the Partnership to match funding received from the Commission for Racial Equality.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Having regard to the decision taken by the Committee it is proposed that the application for funding submitted by the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership be approved.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership meet with the guiding principles of the Community Plan particularly in respect of Social Justice and Social Inclusion. It also reaffirms the Council's 4 core values of Equality, Quality, Partnership and Access. It also conforms with the Committee's previous decision to target its resources and activities specially within Ayrshire.

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 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 approve the request for funding for £3,500 from the Ayrshire Race Equality Partnership.

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19th August 2005

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report on West of Scotland Race Equality Council – Application for Financial Assistance - Policy and Resources Committee (8 February 2005)

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