

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE : 20 SEPTEMBER 2005**

#### **REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

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

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an update to Committee on the Regeneration Outcome Agreement.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The requirement on Community Planning Partners to prepare a three-year Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) is part of the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland's Guidance, issued in August 2003 on the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) transition to Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs), first reported to Committee on 2 October 2003.
- 2.2 The Guidance detailed a three-stage integration process for Community Planning Partners, as follows:
- Assessment of Readiness of CPPs (demonstrated by the production of a Statement of Readiness and endorsed by Policy and Resources Committee on 10 June 2004);
  - Resource Allocation (based on the new Deprivation Index issued by the Scottish Executive in June 2004, with the 2005/06 indicative financial allocation from the new Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 30 September 2004); and
  - Regeneration Outcome Agreement (draft by 31 October 2004, submitted by the due date, with an original final submission date for lodging with Communities Scotland of 20 December 2004; and Ministerial 'sign off' by end March 2005); and subsequently delayed due to ongoing debate with the Scottish Executive regarding targeting of resources.
- 2.3 Communities Scotland subsequently advised the Leader of the Council, as Chair of the Community Planning Partnership, by letter on 30 November 2004 of a relaxation in the final submission date to early 2005. This was reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 8 February 2005.
- 2.4 The establishment of the new Community Regeneration Fund, which consolidates and replaces existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better

Neighbourhood Services Funding (BNSF), was again reported to Committee on 30 September 2004.

- 2.5 The final draft ROA and associate package of funding was endorsed by Policy and Resources Committee for submission to Communities Scotland on 8 February 2005.
- 2.6 A further update report was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 31 May 2005, which endorsed the establishment of the new Community Planning Partnership with devolved decision making in respect of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement and related Community Regeneration Fund projects.

### **3. PROGRESS REPORT AND CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 East Ayrshire's Regeneration Outcome Agreement received Ministerial approval and 'sign off' on 29 July 2005. The formal announcement was made by the Minister on 3 August 2005, with some national and local press coverage.
- 3.2 As a result of this a series of project information meetings have been convened with Community Regeneration Funded Project Officers to ensure ongoing and effective implementation.
- 3.3 The ROA is focused on all of the 0-15% data zones as identified within the SIMD 04, data zones within the 16-25% ranking, and a thematic approach for skilled activity, providing an opportunity for Community Planning Partners to operate activity in all of the worst 0-30% ranked data zones.
- 3.4 Further guidance has now been received from Communities Scotland regarding the financial and performance monitoring requirements for the Regeneration Outcome Agreement and Community Regeneration Fund. Officers within the Community Planning and Partnership Unit are now working to ensure full compliance with the detailed guidance.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council will act as the grant recipient for the CRF, with the CPP assuming delegated responsibility for the allocation of CRF resources.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 All legal implications have been considered by the Council's Head of Administrative and Legal Services.

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The proposals contained within the report are consistent with the priorities contained within the Community Plan.
- 6.2 At its meeting on 31 August 2005, the Council's Corporate Management Team approved the contents of this report.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to:
- i) note that East Ayrshire's Regeneration Outcome Agreement has received Ministerial 'sign off'; and
  - ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

**Elizabeth Morton**  
**Depute Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Support**  
**8 September 2005**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Regeneration Outcome Agreement, August 2005  
Statement of Readiness, May 2004  
Communities Scotland Letter to the Leader of the Council, dated 30 November 2004  
Leader of the Council Letter to the First Minister, dated 31 March 2005  
Scottish Executive Letter to the Head of Corporate Development and Communication,  
dated 20 April 2005

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