



**PROGRESS REPORT ON  
AYRSHIRE KEY FUND**

**Board Meeting –16 December 2004**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise members of the current position in respect of the Ayrshire Key Fund.

**2. AVAILABLE FUNDING**

2.1 At its meeting of 25 June 2004, the Ayrshire Key Fund Board agreed to seek full repayment of the funds allocated to Greenmill Out of School Service as the project had not met the terms and conditions of grant. Funds totalling £15,282 were subsequently returned to the Key Fund Board on 26 October 2004.

2.2 In addition, a balance of unspent funds of £2,525 was returned by 'Café de Youth' Patna, providing a total of £17,807 for disbursement in the Coalfield Area, which requires to be fully spent by 31 May 2005.

**3. LOCAL AYRSHIRE KEY FUND APPLICATIONS**

3.1 To progress this matter a further round of applications was advertised on 4 November 2004. By the closing date of 22 November 2004, eight applications for the available funds from the Ayrshire Key Fund had been received.

3.2 Applications were received from:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>
Auchinleck Community Development Initiative	Aird Avenue Community Garden Co-ordinator	£18,470
Break the Silence	Support/Development Worker	£25,000
Common Ground Scotland	Outreach Service/ Development Worker	£18,000
Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union	Electronic Collection System	£ 3,600
CVO (East Ayrshire)	ICT Trainer	£18,000
Mauchline Under 5s Group	Playroom Assistants	£ 4,238
The Lighthouse Foundation	Outreach Service	£ 2,041
yipworld.com	Mobile Internet Café	£16,000

3.3 These applications totalled £105,349, an over subscription of £87,542 on the available fund of £17,807.

#### 4. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

4.1 The assessment panel for East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership considered the applications at a meeting on 3 December 2004 and made the following recommendations.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Auchinleck Community Development Initiative	Supported	Project must be completed by 31 May 2004. Panel requested that the budget be revised to fit the timescale and relevant costs. Maximum grant recommended £17,807.
Break the Silence	Rejected	Deemed ineligible and the Panel felt that there were issues regarding the organisation's capacity to carry out the project.
Common Ground Scotland	Rejected	The Panel felt that the project did not represent value for money and would duplicate services already available in the area.
Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union	Rejected	Targets and outcomes presented were unclear with little contribution to AKF objectives.
CVO (East Ayrshire)	Rejected	The project did not provide any indication of outputs and the Panel felt that there was already adequate ICT provision which can be accessed by voluntary/ community groups in the SIP area. In addition, there were issues over the timescales involved.
Mauchline Under 5s Group	Rejected	Although the project represented good value for money there were issues over the timescales involved.
The Lighthouse Foundation	Rejected	The Panel felt that the project duplicated services already available within the Coalfield Area.
yipworld.com	Rejected	The project has not secured additional funds required to complete the package of funding presenting issues regarding the timescale involved.

4.2 The supported application, totalling £17,807, will be submitted for ratification by the Ayrshire Key Fund Board on 14 December 2004 and the recommendations will subsequently be presented to the SIP Board at a future meeting.

## **5. AYRSHIRE KEY FUND BOARD**

5.1 The second Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Ayrshire Key Fund was convened on 26 October 2004.

5.2 The current SIP Board representatives, namely Sheila White and Ian Smith, were both re-appointed to the Board at the AGM and will continue as Directors of Ayrshire Key Fund Limited.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- i) notes the total funds of £17,807 reclaimed by the Ayrshire Key Fund for disbursement within the Coalfield Area;
- ii) endorses the recommendations of the assessment panel detailed at 4.1;
- iii) endorses the re-appointment of SIP Board members to the Ayrshire Key Fund Board; and
- iv) otherwise notes the content of the report.

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