

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -28TH FEBRUARY 2001**

#### **REVENUE BUDGET 2001/2002 - ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

##### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request the Committee to consider and approve the allocation of additional funds recently granted by the Policy and Resources Committee following the public consultation exercise on the budget for 2001/2002.

#### **2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 At the meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee on 23rd January and 6th February it was agreed to allocate an additional £43,000 to Community Services to assist in addressing some of the issues which were raised during the public consultation exercise.
- 2.2 This additional allocation was accepted by the Community Services Committee at the meeting on 7th February 2001 and it was agreed that a report would be brought forward giving details on how the additional funds would be utilised.
- 2.3 During the consultation exercise there were two principal areas of concern raised by the public. These were litter on roadside verges and recycling. The latter issue was also raised by the Trade Unions. It is proposed therefore to allocate the additional funds to assist in addressing these points.
- 2.4 With regard to litter on verges it is proposed to allocate £12,000 for this purpose and this will allow one clean per year of the verges on the major routes and some of the busier minor routes in the area. The litter will normally be removed in the period of December -February since this would appear to be the time of year when the problem is most prevalent or perhaps more obvious. There is no budget for this work at present and litter can only be removed if funds are identified elsewhere in the budget.
- 2.5 In so far as recycling is concerned, it is important that a sound infrastructure is in place to allow the processing of recyclable waste. It is therefore proposed to allocate £31,000 to waste management to allow the employment of two operatives in the Material Recycling Facility at Western Road, Kilmarnock. This will allow considerably increased processing capacity and provide a strong foundation for future recycling development.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The above two proposals, if agreed, will incur expenditure of £43,000 in the financial year 2001/2002.

### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Council has statutory obligations to meet in respect of litter clearance from verges and recycling.

### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The proposals are in line with Council Policy and the Council Plan.

### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

6.1 As a result of an ongoing review of performance, it is considered necessary that the council allocate additional resources for the removal of litter and refuse from verges of public roads and recruit additional staff to process increased recycling throughput at the Materials Recycling Facility.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Committee is invited to:-

- (i) allocate an additional £12,000 per annum for the removal of litter and refuse from grass verges;
- (ii) authorise the establishment of two permanent manual worker posts for the Materials Recycling Facility at Western Road, Kilmarnock at a total cost of £31,000; and
- (iii) otherwise note the report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**