

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - 8 MARCH 2001**

**SUPPORT FOR THE COST OF DEVELOPING PUBLIC PRIVATE  
PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS**

**ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION OF THE MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING  
GROUP**

**Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to determine Elected Member representation on a Member/Officer Working Group being established to monitor the progress of the feasibility study into the development of Public Private Partnership Projects for school buildings within East Ayrshire.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Policy and Resources Committee on 5 October 2000:-

- (i) agreed, in principle, to the development of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project for school buildings in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) authorised the Director of Educational and Social Services to submit a bid to the Scottish Executive to fund the costs of a feasibility study to investigate PPP Projects.

**3. OUTCOME OF THE BIDDING PROCESS**

- 3.1** The Council was advised recently by the Scottish Executive that it had been awarded £320,000 to undertake a feasibility study and early investigation into Public Private Partnership Projects within East Ayrshire. The Scottish Executive have indicated that there will be flexibility for costs to fall to the next financial year (2001/2002). The authority will, in due course, submit claims for expenditure incurred in relation to this initiative.

- 3.2** The outcome of the process was reported to the Education Committee on 7 March 2001 and the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the successful outcome of the bid to the Scottish Executive for funding amounting to £320,000 to support a feasibility study into developing Public Private Partnerships in school buildings;
- (ii) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the feasibility study;
- (iii) to establish a Member/Officer Working Group comprising four Elected Members; and

- (iv) to remit to the Council to determine Elected Member representation on the Member/Officer Working Group.

**4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil**

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** All financial commitments to be claimed from the Scottish Executive Education Department up to a maximum £320,000.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

**6.1** it is recommended:-

- (i) that the membership of the Working Group consist of 3 members from the Administration and one from the Opposition; and
- (ii) that Council is invited to appoint Members to the Working Group.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report to the Policy and Resources Committee on 5 October 2000.
2. Report to the Special Education Committee on 7 March 2001.

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**AGENDA**