

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2001

CUMNOCK NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise Local Committee Members of the submission of the next phase of East Ayrshire's New Community School's bid for Cumnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Previous reports to Education Committees have set out the governments proposals to establish New Community Schools which aim to bring together the range of services including Education, Social Work and Health Services in a co-ordinated approach to meet the needs of all young people, and in particular the most vulnerable young people and their families. The first phase of East Ayrshire's approach involved the development in Kilmarnock Academy, and Hillhead Primary School and update reports have previously been presented to respective Committees (see background papers).

3. CUMNOCK PROPOSAL

- 3.1** The Cumnock Academy proposal is set out in Appendix 1 and builds on the experience of Kilmarnock and Hillhead.
- 3.2** In addition to enhanced teaching staff within the school the submission contains proposals to employ a full time Social Worker; full time Community Link Worker (Community Education) and a part time Health Co-ordinator.
- 3.3** The Head Teacher of Cumnock Academy is central to the success of the proposal and will chair a local operational group to monitor the implementation and performance management of the New Community School. If the bid is successful it will be implemented from 1 April 2001.
- 3.4** Once the outcome of the bid is known a further report will be presented to the Local Committee which will set out opportunities for the Cumnock area in more detail.

4. FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The bid to the Scottish Executive is for £600,000 over the three years 2001-2003/4. If the bid is successful the full staff costs associated with the proposal will be met including the establishment of the Social worker and Community Link Worker.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The proposal is entirely consistent with the Councils commitment to New Community Schools; Children's Service Plan and Social Inclusion Partnerships.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that Cumnock Area Local Committee:
- (i) ask the Director of Educational & Social Services to submit a further report to Local Committee once the outcome of the bid is known; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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8 January 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. New Community Schools Education Committees 26 November 1998.
2. New Community Schools Education/Social Work Committees 28 January 1999 and 2 February 1999 respectively.
3. New Community Schools Implementation Plan –Education /Children & Families & Criminal Justice Sub-Committee 3 June 1999 and 18 August 1999 respectively.
4. New Community School update – Education Sub-Committee 25 May 2000

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AGENDA