

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 JANUARY 2002

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider arrangements for the submission of, and dealing with, applications for Community Grants during the 2002/2003 and subsequent financial years.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Committee on 24 January 2001 and 20 June 2001 determined a range of issues in order to facilitate submission of, and dealing with, applications for Community Grants during the 2001/2002 financial year as indicated below, namely:-

- 2.1.1 Closing Date for Applications - local organisations were required to submit applications irrespective of when the Group's proposed activity/event was due to take place, no later than 31 March 2001. This enabled applications received by the due date to be assessed and considered by the Local Committee at a Special Meeting held as soon as possible following commencement of the new financial year.

- 2.1.2 Notification of Arrangements - in order to facilitate the submission of applications by local groups, the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources arranged (a) for those organisations who had applied for Community Grant funding during 2000/2001 to be advised directly of the arrangements for applying for the 2001/02 year and to be issued with a Community Grant application form; (b) for posters to be displayed at Council premises advising of the arrangements; and (c) for an advertisement to be placed in the local press.

- 2.1.3 Applications from Older People's Groups for Summer and Christmas Activities - in respect of such applications it was agreed:-

- (i) that applications be considered from any Older People's Group; and
- (ii) that in cases where a grant award is to be made in respect of an application submitted, such awards be made partly on a per capita basis according to membership numbers and partly having regard to the individual merits of each application.

2.1.4 *Hanging Basket Projects and Gala Days* - it was agreed that applications for grant in respect of hanging basket projects and gala days be dealt with each on their individual merits.

2.1.5 *Young People's Uniformed Organisations* - it was agreed that applications for grants from Young People's Uniformed Organisations be dealt with as follows, namely:-

(a) where appropriate, grants be made to Young People's Uniformed Organisations in respect of general operating costs during 2001/2002 according to membership numbers on a formula basis to be determined; and

(b) additionally, consideration be given to awarding grants to these organisations for project specific purposes, each application in this case to be dealt with on its individual merits.

3. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING

3.1 It is suggested that the Committee require to determine at this time, the matters raised in paragraphs 2.1.1 - 2.1.5 as they would apply in respect of the 2002/2003 financial year, in order that arrangements can be made for the submission and processing of applications.

3.2 It may be that the Committee would wish to agree similar arrangements for 2002/2003 as applied in respect of 2001/2002. Alternatively, it is open to the Committee to give consideration to amended arrangements for the 2002/2003 year as appropriate.

4. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT SPECIAL MEETING

4.1 Should it be agreed to implement similar arrangements for 2002/2003 as applied in respect of 2001/2002, the Committee will be invited to determine the following matters at a Special Meeting for the disbursement of grants for 2002/2003, in the light of notification of the Committee's financial allocation for grants for the year and having regard to applications received, namely:-

- the per capita rate at which grant is to be awarded to Older People's Groups in respect of Summer and Christmas activities;
- the monetary amounts to be applied to the formula for grants to Young People's Uniformed Organisations in respect of general operating costs; and
- whether a portion of the financial allocation for grants for 2002/2003 should be set aside to enable applications for Community Grants which might be received during the year to be dealt with.

5. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None arising directly from this report. Expenditure on grants during 2002/2003 will require to be met from the financial allocation to be made available to the Local Committee for this purpose.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) agree that the general nature of the arrangements for the submission of, and dealing with, applications for community grants during the 2002/2003 and subsequent financial years be as applied during 2001/2002 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, after consultation with the Chair, to implement the detailed arrangements each year; and
- (ii) note that the Committee may, at any time in the future, amend the arrangements provided for in (i) above, insofar as might be considered appropriate.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

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AGENDA