

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2004

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Cumnock Area Local Committee of the progress made in relation to the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Cumnock Area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The requirement to develop a Community Learning Strategy for each Scottish Local Authority Area was initially set out in the Scottish Executive circular 4/99. East Ayrshire's Community Learning Strategy 2002-2003 was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 28 March 2000. This is now integrated into the Community Plan for 2004-2007.
- 2.2** The Community Learning Strategy requires that all partners identify their commitment to the development of community based learning. From this commitment, local plans have been developed called Community Learning Plans. These local Plans detail how the Community Learning Strategy translates into meaningful local action.
- 2.3** Progress reports have been made to the Education Committee and appropriate Local Committees.

3. THE CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

- 3.1** On the 18 June 2002 Community Learning and Development called the first meeting for those groups and agencies involved in community learning activities in the Cumnock Area. A total of 14 meetings have been held to date.
- 3.2** During that period a number of activities were carried out by partners including
- An audit of activities
 - Survey of community groups
 - Surveys of adults and individuals to determine their needs
- 3.3** Taking direction from East Ayrshire Council's Community Plan, the outcomes and points for action contained in the Community Learning Plan were determined using information from the above activities.

3.4 The Community Learning Plan for the Cumnock Area is in final draft stage.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

4.1 Copies of the Plan will be made widely available to individuals and groups in the Cumnock Area, and an official launch organised to ensure the widest publicity.

4.2 Each of the partners who developed the points for action will work to ensure, within resources available, successful action over the period of the Plan.

4.3 To measure the success of this Plan and to build information for the future plans, a series of activities will take place each year. These include:-

- Community consultation activities at open days and events
- Regular reports to East Ayrshire Council Community Learning Partnership and appropriate Council Committees.
- Evaluations of existing community learning opportunities
- Copies of the Plan and reviews will be forwarded to all Community Councils, Community Associations and voluntary organisations within the Cumnock Area
- A report outlining progress will be produced in the autumn of 2004

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Community Learning Plan aims to draw together and co-ordinate activities of partners involved in Community Learning and Development. Costs arising from the co-ordination of the planning and monitoring activities and the production of the Plan, have been met from Educational and Social Services budgets.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The development of Community Learning Plans is integral to the Promoting Community Learning theme of the Community Plan.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Nil

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that Members of the Cumnock Local Committee note the contents of this report.

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6 January 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Scottish Executive Circular 4/99.
2. East Ayrshire Council's Community Learning Strategy 200-2003.
3. East Ayrshire-The Community Plan.
4. The Community Learning Plans of Darvel/Newmilns. Kilmarnock North and Muirkirk

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