

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER 2000

YOUTH OUTREACH PROPOSAL

Joint Report by Director of Educational and Social Services and Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Local Committee approval for non-recurring funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to support an outreach youth project in the Catrine area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 4 May 2000, East Ayrshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee agreed that future bids to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund should first be considered by the appropriate Local Committee, prior to submission to East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group and the Council.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Avonlea Youth Centre over a period of months has seen a reduction in the number of young people attending the centre. The Management Committee is concerned that to date, their efforts to attract young people have not been effective.
- 3.2 It is proposed to employ 2 sessional youth workers to engage with the young people in the Catrine area over a period of 5 months. The objectives of this proposal are as follows:
- to make and maintain contact with young people aged between 10-21 years who are currently not involved in or are unaware of Avonlea Youth Centre;
 - to identify the needs of young people in the area through outreach and consultation workshops; and
 - to work with young people to identify a programme for the Centre, which reflects the needs identified and informs the Management Committee's Development Plan.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the youth workers, including support, supervision and equipment costs is £1300. It is anticipated that this cost can be met from the balance of the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposal is consistent with the Council's approach to Social Inclusion and in particular, addressing youth issues.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) support the funding bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for £1300 to deliver the Outreach Youth Project in Catrine.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA