

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 6 NOVEMBER 2003**

#### **OCHILTREE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR 2003/2004**

##### **Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** Members are asked to agree an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant for the period 2003/2004 by Ochiltree Residents Association.

### **2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1** Ochiltree Residents Association covers 88 tenancies.
- 2.2** At the Housing Committee on 25 August 1999, members approved a report tabled on proposals for the increase of funding of tenants' associations. This allowed for a set-up grant for associations of £150 and an annual operating grant based on the formula of £0.25 per house with a minimum level set at £100.
- 2.3** The calculation for Ochiltree Residents Association is therefore  $88 \times £0.25 = £22.00$ . This falls below the minimum level of £100.
- 2.4** As the Association is a new group, they are entitled to claim the additional £150 start-up grant.
- 2.5** The requirements to adhere to the terms of a model constitution, the conduct of public General Meetings of the Association, and the production of accounts have all been met.

### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1** It is proposed that the Ochiltree Residents Association receive a grant of £250.00 to cover their start-up and expenses for their first year of operation.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** Provisions for financing tenant association grants are contained within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2003/2004.

## **5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/POLICY**

5.1 Not Applicable.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee agree the Ochiltree Residents Association request for a grant of £250 from the HRA.

James Lavery  
Director of Homes and Technical Services

28 October 2003

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Ochiltree Residents Association grants file ref. 74

(Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above or further information should contact Joseph Cassidy, Policy Manager on 01563 576617).

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