

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2000**

### **FUNDING FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS**

#### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

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

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of the reasons behind the different funding arrangements for the firework displays in Kilmarnock and Cumnock.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report was requested at the Local Committee meeting on 10 May 2000 at which a decision was made to give a grant of £1,500 to the Cumnock and District Round Table in support of their Firework display in Cumnock.
- 2.2 The Kilmarnock Firework display is managed and funded by the Council as part of its events programme and does not receive Local Committee grant support.

#### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The reasons behind these different funding arrangements relate to the varying inheritance from the two former District Councils. Kilmarnock and Loudoun D.C. promoted its own Firework display and fully funded this event. Cumnock and Doon Valley D.C. did not organise a similar event, however grant aid was given to community firework events.
- 3.2 These arrangements have continued under East Ayrshire Council. Due to prevailing financial constraints it has not been possible to offer a similar level of support across the board, and without additional funding the current arrangements are likely to continue.
- 3.3 The Local Committee also enquired about the possibility of funding the Cumnock Firework Display through the Common Good Fund. This would be possible, in principle, and any such application would be considered by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee.

**4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

**5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The differences in the current funding arrangements are explained by the policies of the former district councils. As no additional funding is available at present similar arrangements continue to be operated.

5.2 An application for funding from the Common Good Fund would be considered by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 The Local Committee is asked to note this report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

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**AGENDA**