

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2001

### BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT

#### Report by Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of companies which have received financial support under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes in the period from 1 November 2000 to 31 March 2001.

#### 2 RECENT BUSINESS SUPPORT AWARDS

- 2.1 The support offered to companies under the Council's Business Loans and Grants Schemes, as approved under the Scheme of Delegation is shown in the attached tables. The information provided includes:

the client;  
the location of the client company;  
the means of support; and  
the relevant statistical data.

#### 3. 2000/2001 ACTIVITY

- 3.1 The cumulative projected outcomes of all support awarded for the full financial year (2000/2001) are shown below at para 3.2.

3.2

	<u>Existing Jobs</u>	<u>New Jobs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Business Loans	338	166	504
Special Grant support	159	47	206
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>710</b>

(See note on table).

#### **4. LEGAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no legal implications.

4.2 The support to business under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes will contribute towards the achievement of the Council's policy objectives defined in the Economic Strategy.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial or personnel implications.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 **That the Committee notes the awards of business support provided to local companies during the period 1 November 2000 to 31 March 2001, as detailed in the table attached to this report.**

**STEPHEN CHORLEY**  
**Director of Development Services**

9 April 2001/jrs

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

**For further information, please contact JOHN SPOONER, Business Development Manager, on Extension 6143.**

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE : 24 APRIL 2001**

**BUSINESS LOANS & GRANTS : 1 NOVEMBER 2000 to 31 MARCH 2001**

<b>SPECIAL GRANT APPROVED BY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>Electoral War</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>No of Existing Employees</b>	<b>No of Proposed New Employees</b>
Ward 26 Ochiltree/Skares/ Netherthird and Craigens	Cumnock	MS Direct Ltd	Suppliers of Health & Safety Equipment and Fire safety Equipment	31	10
<b>NB : This grant was an additional grant approved by the Committee at its meeting on 13 February 2001. To avoid double counting, the existing employee numbers have not been added into Section 3.2 of this report.</b>					

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**BUSINESS LOANS & GRANTS : 1 NOVEMBER 2000 to 31 MARCH 2001**

<b>BUSINESS LOANS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS</b>					
<b>Electoral Ward</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>No of Existing Employees</b>	<b>No of Proposed New Employees</b>
Ward 2 Stewarton central	Stewarton	Rannoch Knitwear Ltd	Knitwear manufacture	15	20
Ward 24 Muirkirk/Lugar/Logan	Lugar	Cherokee Iron Ltd	Manufacture and fabrication of steel frames	Nil (Start-up business)	Year 1 : 22 Year 2 : 30
Ward 24 Muirkirk/Lugar/Logan	Lugar	LAR Welding	Metal fabrication	2	2
Ward 26 Ochiltree/Skares/ Netherthird & Craigens	Cumnock	MCM Textiles Ltd	Knitwear manufacture	Nil (Start-up business)	16
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>17</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>TRADE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT</b>					
<b>Electoral Ward</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Trade Event</b>	<b>Event Location</b>
Ward 9 Kilmarnock Central East	Kilmarnock	MacRobert Corporation Ltd	Development and manufacture of drum pedals	Music Messe 7 to 11 March 2001	Frankfurt, Germany
Ward 27 Auchinleck	Auchinleck	Barony Universal Ltd	Manufacture of aerosols	Stand at Exhibition	Moscow, Russia

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<b>SPECIAL GRANTS APPROVED UNDER SCHEME OF DELEGATION</b>				
<b>Electoral Ward</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Type of Support</b>
Ward 27 Auchinleck	Auchinleck	Boswell Estates	Property owner	Grant towards demolition costs of building to allow further development
Ward 27 Auchinleck	Auchinleck	Dumfries Estates	Tourism	Grant towards cost of feasibility study into future use of Dumfries House (in partnership with the Estate and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire)
Ward 28 Cumnock West	Cumnock	Box Café Ltd	Leisure	Grant towards cost of structural survey for future use of the building (in partnership with Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire)
Ward 28 Cumnock West	Cumnock	One Stop Pound Shops	Retail	Grant towards costs of feasibility study into costs of relocation and expansion of business to Cairn Road, Cumnock
Ward 32 New Cumnock	New Cumnock	Nith Valley Co-op	Retail	Grant towards cost of feasibility study for development of Co-op building (in partnership with Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire)

**AGENDA**