

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 MARCH 2000

BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT

Report by Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of financial support awarded under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes, to local companies in the period from 6 December 1999 to 25 February 2000.

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. 1999/2000 ACTIVITY TO DATE

- 3.1 The cumulative projected outcomes of all support awarded for the current financial year (1999/2000) are shown below at para 3.2.

3.2	<u>Existing Jobs</u>	<u>New Jobs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Business Loans	180	125	305
Employment Grants	100	18	118
MTTG	144	-	144
Special Grant support		485	485
Total	424	628	1052

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 None

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 That the Committee notes the awards of business support provided to local companies during the period 6 December 1999 to 25 February 2000, as detailed in the table attached to this report.

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Director of Development Services

28 February 2000/jrs

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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

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MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY TRAINING GRANT					
<i>Electoral Ward</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Training Type</i>	<i>Trainees</i> M - Males F - Females
Ward 1 Stewarton East & Dunlop	Stewarton	Riverford Mill Ltd	Manufacture of Knitwear	Team working systems	4M/15F
Ward 8 Kilmarnock Central West	Kilmarnock	Kelburne Construction Ltd	Civil Engineering Contractor	Quality Systems	2M/1F
Ward 26 Ochiltree / Skares / Netherthird & Craigens	Cumnock	Curtainwise Ltd	Manufacture of Curtains and Soft Furnishings	Accounting & Management Information	0M/3F
Ward 27 Auchinleck	Auchinleck	Jeffcare	Provision of Healthcare products	Marketing through the Internet and E-Commerce	0M/2F
TOTAL					6M/21F

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TRADE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT					
<i>Local Committee</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Trade Event</i>	<i>Event Location</i>
Ward 9 Kilmarnock Central East	Kilmarnock	The MacRobert Corporation	Manufacture of Drum Pedal	Music Messe 12 to 16 April 2000	Frankfurt, Germany
Ward 23 Catrine / Sorn / Mauchline East	Sorn	PP Systems	Computer software design and installation	DRUPA (26 th to 28 th May 2000)	Dusseldorf, Germany

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BUSINESS LOANS FUND – DELEGATED POWERS					
<i>Local Committee</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>No of Existing Employees</i>	<i>No of Proposed New Employees</i>
Ward 26 Ochiltree/Skares/ Netherthird & Craigens	Cumnock	MS Direct Ltd	Suppliers of health & safety equipment and fire protection equipment	21	Year 1 : 10 Year 2 : 12 Year 3 : 7
TOTAL				21	29

SPECIAL GRANT APPROVED BY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (20 January 2000)					
<i>Local Committee</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Type of Support</i>	<i>Employees</i>
Ward 6 Altonhill / Hillhead & Longpark	Kilmarnock	Blackwood Carpet Yarns Ltd	Manufacture of carpet yarns	Training grant	85
Total					85

AGENDA