

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION AREA TEAM
EARLY ACTION PLAN - April - September 2000
PROGRESS REPORT

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE					
	Issue	Action	Target Area/Group	Timescale	Performance Indicator
1	Requirement to prepare Monitoring Plan.	Multi disciplinary Team established to develop Monitoring Plan (see Actions under Programme of Projects 2000/1).	Coalfield Area	Submission of Framework 14 April 2000	Preparation and submission of framework. Progress: Achieved
2	Requirement to prepare Annual Report.	Preparation of Annual Report in accordance with Scottish Executive Guidelines.	Coalfield Area	30 June 2000	Preparation and submission of Annual Report Progress: Achieved
3	Requirement to submit 1st Quarterly Financial Return.	Preparation of financial return.	Coalfield Area	11 August 2000 11 November 2000	Preparation and submission of return Progress: Achieved Preparation and submission of return.
4	Submit Social Inclusion Partnership Fund Grant Claims		Coalfield Area	30 September 2000	Preparation and submission of grant claims

PROGRAMME OF PROJECTS 2000/1

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S-A1	The Scottish Executive has a compulsory requirement for the preparation of a "Monitoring	Community Profile/Social Audit Coalfield household survey. Establishment of inter agency/inter	1000 households within the Coalfield Area (cross	May-August 2000	Survey undertaken. Progress: Achieved. Results available @

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	<p>Plan". This requires the gathering of comprehensive baseline information at Coalfield and neighbourhood levels. The monitoring is repeated regularly in order to quantify changes.</p> <p>Further information is required to assess community needs in more detail.</p>	<p>departmental team to collect data for baseline.</p> <p>1) Development of 2 key research initiatives in association with the Scottish Executive. Establishment of:</p> <p>(a) The People's Panel</p> <p>This is a Scottish Executive Initiative to establish a research resource (Focus Groups etc.) within each SIP. In particular, the Scottish Executive wishes the Panel to be used for longitudinal studies that allow the SIP to track changes in Panel members attitudes, circumstances and quality of life over the life of the SIP. The Scottish Executive has appointed Consultants to establish the Panel. Thereafter the SIP will carry out the appropriate research.</p> <p>(b) The People's Jury</p> <p>This was also a Scottish Executive Initiative piloted in the Coalfield area. It involved a small group of around 16 people (not community activists or representatives) spending a few days</p>	<p>sectional random study).</p> <p>1000 households within the Coalfield Area</p> <p>Coalfield Area</p>	<p>April – May 2000</p> <p>June – Sept 2000</p> <p>April – May 2000</p>	<p>August 2000 and are currently being analysed. A report will be submitted to a future Local Committee on key issues to be actioned</p> <p>Panel established.</p> <p>Longitudinal Study initiated.</p> <p>Progress: Achieved. Panel established at August 2000. Discussions underway on utilising the panel for further research arising from issues identified through the household survey. A new Research and Information Group has been established and will inform the development of the longitudinal study. Jury established and process completed.</p> <p>Progress: Achieved. A report is being produced by Scottish Executive</p>

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		<p>considering an issue in-depth. Their deliberations were informed through feedback from a series of “expert witnesses”. A Stakeholder Jury of senior decision-makers also considered. The issue and actions needed are then agreed by both Juries. The Scottish Executive appointed Consultants to establish and run the Jury in May 2000. The question considered by the local Jury was:</p> <p>“How do you encourage people to participate more actively in their community?”</p>			Consultants and will be available by mid September on local points of action arising from the People’s Jury process.
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S-B3	Need to attract and develop employment opportunities.	<p>Dalmellington Industrial Estate Refurbishment and Development of Coalfield Business Technology Centre</p> <p>(a) Refurbishment and upgrading of existing factory (phase 1).</p> <p>(b) Establishment of Coalfield Business Technology Centre.</p>	<p>Dalmellington</p> <p>Coalfield Area</p>	<p>External fabric and internal steelworks completed May 2000.</p> <p>Detailed proposals are being refined in order to accommodate the new area centre. Funding for which has been recently secured.</p>	<p>Completion of external works to building and car parking by May 2000. Progress: On hold to incorporate the new Area Centre into the overall plan.</p> <p>As above</p>

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S-B4	Many unemployed people are unable to re-enter employment because of financial problems.	The on-going implementation of Personal Development Fund, which provides financial assistance in such forms as fares, tools, equipment and access to short vocational training.	Coalfield Area	On-going	Twelve month period Progress: Achieved. 14 people assisted 15 applications are currently being processed Targets for Year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to committee in January 2001
S-B1	High levels of unemployment experienced amongst excluded young people throughout the Coalfield Area. Also many young people experience a variety of other social problems.	The establishment of a Youth Development Project - East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth – to help re-integrate young people into community involvement. Steering Group formed.	Young school leavers in the Coalfield area.	May 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 participants recruited. • 12 into employment. • 20 into training. Progress: 9 trainees recruited in Year 1. 2 have gone into full time employment; 1 into part time employment; 1 has entered into training. 16 trainees embarked on the programme between April and June 2000, 14 have so far either found employment or training places. A further tranche of trainees is due to start in August 2000. Targets for Year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to committee in January 2001
S-B2	High levels of unemployment experienced by 18-24 year olds who are 6+ months unemployed.	Development of an ILM project - East Ayrshire Works - offering a mixture of training and guidance, workplace assessment and employment placement.	Coalfield Area	Year 2	11 trainees recruited and in place by September 2000. Progress: Achieved.

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S-A2	Need to deliver locally targeted training programmes in New Cumnock.	Relocation, re-equipping and upgrading of Focal Point Development Centre at New Cumnock.	Based in New Cumnock serving Coalfield Area	Centre resourced June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property refurbished and resourced. • Open to the public and operational. • Training programmes commenced. Progress: Achieved
THEME - EXCLUDED FROM GOOD HEALTH					
	Issue	Action	Target Area/Group	Timescale	Performance Indicator
S-C1	A lack of local awareness and influence over health issues.	Establishment of a project - Health Hit Squad - to identify main local health priorities and develop action plans through the setting up of local Forums.	Coalfield Area	Dependent upon outcome of application for funding to New Opportunities Fund. Review progress in funding Sep. 2000.	Confirmation of funding and implementation plan with agreed Performance Indicators for monitoring purposes. Progress: Outcome of NOF bid awaited.
S-C2	Poverty and low income has an impact on people's nutrition and awareness of healthy eating.	Establish targeted projects to raise awareness of the issue of food and health via Community Food Workers - Community Food Initiative.	Delivered through: - Kids Clubs - Looked After Young People - Prioritised Communities	September 2000	Training for community food workers progressed. Progress: Community Food Workers recruited August 2000. Training to commence August – September 2000. Project Underway Targets for year 3 are currently being developed.

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S-D1	(a) Need to increase/promote involvement of parents in their children's education.	(a) Family Learning Opportunities - Implementation of collaborative learning programmes with parents and children at 3 local schools.	3 pilot areas within Coalfield Area Coalfield Area	May 2000 and ongoing for subsequent work May – Sept 2000	Negotiated learning pilot programme completed and evaluated. Progress: Achieved. Further target communities identified, planned and implemented. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.
	(b) There are skills gaps in targeted communities such as in literacy and numeracy.	(b) Initiate recruitment campaign for tutors and students. Develop and implement follow-on training programme utilising new technology.			Recruitment campaign completed and training programme implemented. Campaign to be launched on West Sound on 11 September 2000. Progress: Contract has been awarded for training. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.
	(c) Highest rate in Scotland of teenage pregnancy.	(c) Develop and implement an intervention programme of work targeting young people in identified clubs and schools in order to address issues such as relationships, sexual health and the	4 pilot areas within Coalfield Area	On-going	Pilot intervention programme completed. Intervention programme developed and

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		responsibilities of young parenthood. Currently drafting funding application for a young people and pregnancy project. 'Virtual Baby' experience held @ Ochiltree Community Centre: August 2000.			implemented. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001

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S-E1	Need for additional Forestry/Woodland Management training places.	Provision of additional 5 training places to allow broadening of existing training programme linked to New Deal - East Ayrshire Woodlands A further 5 trainees recruited at June 2000	Long term unemployed people 18-24 years within the Coalfield Area	Ongoing June 2000	5 individuals successfully completing training to SVQ Level II. 2 Current trainees to full-time employment. Progress: Achieved. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.
S-E3	Need identified for preparation of environmental improvement action plans.	A programme of environmental improvement projects is currently being promoted via the Coalfield Communities Federation and other relevant community organisations.	Coalfield Area	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans in place May 2000. • Community consultation undertaken. • Funds secured for improvements. Progress: Achieved. Further community consultation is underway to identify communities to include in the Environmental Action

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S-E2	Implementation of environmental improvement programmes.	Implement further phase of building facelifts in Dalmellington Town Centre. Dalmellington Environmental Based Training Programme. Work to be completed by end September, 2000	Dalmellington Town Centre	End Sept. 2000.	Work started. Funding secured. Completion date September 2000. Progress: On target.

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S-F1	Need for a major recreational, social and educational resource (internet café) for young people (Yipworld.com).	Creation of new facility – yipworld.com – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of premises • Implement three months service trial period 	Young people – 10-25 years within the Coalfield Area	April 2000 April – June 2000	Premises refurbished Facility open to public. Progress: Achieved. Number of young people using facility. Progress: Achieved. Over 900 registered members. Average weekly attendance: 500. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.

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S-F2	Need for a range of after school/weekend/vocational and recreational activities for children.	Kids Club Network Creation of network of kids clubs for 5-12 year olds to encourage the development of skills in sport and arts. Creation and development of network.	Initially Saturday Clubs at Auchinleck, Catrine, Drongan, Logan, Mauchline, Muirkirk, Netherthird, New Cumnock and Patna.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of one off clubs during Easter in all communities within the Coalfield Area. Identification of additional pilot areas. Implementation of Programme of Activity in settlements throughout the Coalfield Area during the summer. Progress: Achieved. Comprehensive programme of activities now being implemented in communities throughout the Coalfield Area. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.
S-F3	There is a need to prevent social exclusion of older people within the Coalfield Area.	Older People Day Care User Groups Project developed via appointed staff to empower and develop local day care groups to become much more active in issues which affect them. Roll out additional programme.	2 Pilot Areas within Coalfield Area – New Cumnock and Muirkirk. People aged 60 and over with priority to those aged 75 and over.	Sept 2000	Projects in two pilot areas implemented. Progress: Achieved. Further pilot areas being identified in the Doon Valley area through discussions with local elected members and community groups. Projects will then be implemented in two areas within the Doon Valley. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.
S-F4	Lack of opportunities to save small sums and access affordable loans.	Establishment of Cumnock District Credit Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for volunteers 	Cumnock and District	July 2000	24 volunteers trained.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and procure premises Registration of Credit Union 		<p>July 2000</p> <p>August 2000</p>	<p>Progress: 22 volunteers trained</p> <p>Premises procured. Progress: Achieved. Funding application currently being prepared for submission to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust by end September 2000. This is to renovate and equip the premises.</p> <p>Registration completed. Progress: Delayed due to production of Business Plan. Will now be registered by Nov. 2000.</p> <p>Target of 500 members by end of Year 1 operation. Progress: Have 500 'Pledges' to join the Credit Union once registered. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.</p>
S-F5	Lack of support for young carers.	<p>Young Carers Initiative Provision of a flexible resource to identify and support Young Carers including running a weekly group providing support, information and advice.</p> <p>Provision of information/workpacks for all 12-13 year old pupils in the Coalfield Communities.</p>	Coalfield Area	<p>March – Sept 2000</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Increase number of young people attending weekly groups from 21 to 30. Progress: Achieved</p> <p>Distribution of information/workpacks. Progress: Due to be launched on 5 October.</p>

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S-F6	High rates of drug addiction in area.	Provision of an innovative service to individuals, families and groups experiencing difficulty in relation to, and to increase awareness of, addiction issues.	Coalfield Area	On-going	Implementation of Programme of Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Information Evening Cumnock Academy. • Peer Education Auchinleck Academy. • Regular meetings with service user representatives. • Outdoor Activities – Cumnock & Doon Valley. • Summer School - Drongan Primary. Doon Academy - Visual Art Project.

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4	Need to ensure community participation and involvement.	a) Establishment of office. b) Establishment of officer support. c) Training and development of members. d) Preparation and distribution of 2nd newsletter. e) Undertaking of Roadshow.	Members of CCF Members of CCF Members of CCF Coalfield Area Doon Valley	April 2000 April 2000 Ongoing August 2000 Sept 2000	Office established. Progress: Achieved. Officer in post. Progress: Achieved. No. of members trained. Progress: Training programme currently being formulated focussing on IT skills. Newsletter circulated to all households. Progress: Achieved. Roadshow held. Progress: Planning underway for Roadshow to be held at Patna
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	There is a need to develop Community Transport opportunities	<p>f) Preparation of funding applications for identified projects.</p> <p>Sub Group established to develop project.</p>	<p>Coalfield Area</p> <p>Coalfield Area</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>July 2000</p>	<p>Community Centre on Saturday 23 September from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>Community regeneration projects identified and funding applied for. Progress: Application submitted to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust for the Drongan Facelifts Project. Discussions underway to submit similar applications for Patna and Logan.</p> <p>Application submitted. Progress: Achieved. Application submitted to the Scottish Rural Transport Initiative. A match funding application is currently being drafted for submission to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust. Targets for year 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to Committee in January 2001.</p>

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