

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 27 JANUARY 2004

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Doon Valley Local Committee of the progress made in relation to the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Doon Valley Area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The requirement to develop a Community Learning Strategy for each Scottish Local Authority Area was set out in the Scottish Executive Circular 4/99. East Ayrshire's Community Learning Strategy 2000-2003 was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 28 March 2000 and is now integrated into the Community Plan for 2004-2007.
- 2.2** The Community Learning Strategy requires that all partners identify their commitment to the development of community based learning. From this commitment, local plans are being developed called Community Learning Plans. These local Plans detail how the Community Learning Strategy translates into meaningful local action.
- 2.3** Progress reports have been made to Education Committee and appropriate Local Committees.

3. THE DOON VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

- 3.1** Officers from Community Learning and Development established a Community Learning Plan Working Group in the Doon Valley area in August 2002.
- 3.2** Consultation with individuals and groups in the Doon Valley has taken place and the results are currently being integrated into the analysis of learning needs. At the same time, an audit of current provision is being prepared in consultation with the Learning Partners.
- 3.3** During the planning period a number of activities have been completed or are currently underway, these include:
- A survey of individuals to determine their learning needs
 - An audit of resources

- Consultation with Community Groups

3.4 The outcomes and points for action contained in the Community Learning Plan, which is due for completion in Spring 2004 will be determined taking direction from East Ayrshire's Community Plan.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

4.1 Copies of the Plan will be made widely available to individuals and groups in the Doon Valley.

4.2 Each of the partners developing the Community Learning Plan are committed to the successful implementation, within resources available.

4.3 When produced, measurement of the Plan's success and building of information for the future development of the Plan will be undertaken through a series of activities. These will include:-

- Community consultation activities at Open Days and events.
- Regular reports to East Ayrshire Council Community Learning Partnership, and appropriate Council Committees.
- Evaluation of existing community learning opportunities.
- Copies of the Plan and reviews will be forwarded to all Community Councils, Community Associations and Voluntary Organisations within the Doon Valley.
- A report outlining progress will be produced six months after the publication of the Community Learning Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Community Learning Plan aims to draw together and co-ordinate activities of partners involved in Community Learning and Development. Costs arising from the co-ordination of the planning, monitoring activities and the production of the Plan, have been met from Educational and Social Services budgets.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The development of Community Learning Plans is integral to the Promoting Community Learning theme of the Community Plan.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Nil

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that members of the Doon Valley Local Committee note the contents of this report.

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8 January 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Scottish Executive Circular 4/99.
2. East Ayrshire Council's Community Learning Strategy 200-2003.
3. East Ayrshire Council -The Community Plan.
4. The Community Learning Plans of Muirkirk, Kilmarnock North, Darvel/Newmilns, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area.

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