

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 4 NOVEMBER 2003

HILLCREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR 2003/2004

Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Members are asked to agree an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant for the period 2003/2004 by Hillcrest Residents Association.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Hillcrest Residents Association covers 25 tenancies.
- 2.2 At the Housing Committee on 25th August 1999, members approved a report tabled on proposals for the increase of funding of tenants' associations. This allowed for a set-up grant for associations of £150 and an annual operating grant based on the formula of £0.25 per house with a minimum level set at £100.
- 2.3 The calculation for Hillcrest Residents Association is therefore $25 \times £0.25 = £6.25$. This falls below the minimum level of £100.
- 2.4 As the Association is a new group, they are entitled to claim the additional £150 start-up grant.
- 2.5 The requirements to adhere to the terms of a model constitution, the conduct of public General Meetings of the Association, and the production of accounts have all been met.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Hillcrest Residents Association receive a grant of £250.00 to cover their start-up and expenses for their first year of operation.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Provisions for financing tenant association grants are contained within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2003/2004

5 LEGAL AUTHORITY/POLICY

5.1 Not Applicable

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee agree the Hillcrest Residents Association request for a grant of £250 from the HRA.

James Lavery
Director of Homes and Technical Services
14 October 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Hillcrest Residents Association grants file ref. 74

(Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above or requiring any further information should contact Joseph Cassidy, Policy Manager on 01563 576617)

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