

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 11 APRIL 2002

ADULT LITERACY & NUMERACY FUNDING

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Community Learning Partnership award to Support to Communities to establish additional essential skills services for people with literacy and numeracy difficulties and to establish a temporary, part-time Adult Literacy and Numeracy Monitoring Officer.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Education Committee meeting of 5 February 2002 members received a report regarding the Adult Literacy & Numeracy Action Plan and associated funding to implement the proposals contained within the Plan.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Essential Skills

The Community Learning Partnership received twenty proposals for funding for financial year 2002/03. Out of the 20 proposals funding was allocated to the undernoted organisations to take forward literacy and numeracy services:

- Ayr College
- Cumnock New Community School
- East Ayrshire Council Training and Development Team
- Council for Voluntary Organisations/Local Volunteer Development Agency
- Library Services
- Kilmarnock College
- Allies and Blue Triangle
- East Ayrshire Council/Kilmarnock College (For Adults with Learning Disabilities)
- Park School
- Support to Communities

- 3.2 This report is advising members of the proposals to enhance the current essential skills services provided within East Ayrshire to specifically target people with literacy and numeracy needs and to contribute to the development of the adult literacies infrastructure within East Ayrshire.

- 3.3** The Project will establish a base for Support to Communities Essential Skills which will be a resource facility for learners, volunteers and partner agencies throughout East Ayrshire.
- 3.4** The Project Team will work closely on a outreach basis with existing Support to Communities staff and partners to promote and deliver essential skills. The Team will recruit volunteers and provide their ongoing support and development.
- 3.5** By building on the existing structure within Support to Communities through the appointment of a temporary Essential Skills Senior Practitioner and Essential Skills Support Workers, learners will be able to access a range of learning opportunities over the year, which will be flexible and responsive to the individual needs.

3.6 Monitoring

The Community Learning Partnership requires to monitor the implementation of the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, with particular emphasis on:

- Partnership working
- Outputs
- Outcomes for learners
- Sharing best practice
- evaluation

4. STAFFING

- 4.1** The undernoted temporary posts until 31 March 2004 will be established to take this Project forward. Full year costs are:

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| | £ |
| 0.5 Partnership Monitoring Officer | 16,355 |
| Essential Skills Senior Practitioner | 31,109 |
| Essential Skills Support Workers x 2 | 24,086 |
| Travel & Subsistence | <u>3,500</u> |

TOTAL **£ 75,050**

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The costs of these temporary posts can be met from the Adult Literacy & Numeracy funding.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The proposals set out in this report compliment both the Children and Young Person's Service Plan; the Annual Statement of Improvement Objectives in Education 2002; the Community Learning Strategy and Community Learning Plans.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Members are asked to:

- (i) endorse the proposals set out in this report;
- (ii) ask the Director of Educational & Social Services to remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy & Resources Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Adult Literacy & Numeracy Action Plan
2. Adult Literacy & Numeracy Report - Education Committee 5 February 2002

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AGENDA