

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2003**  
**REVENUE ESTIMATES 2003/04**

**Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

**1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the allocation of resources to this Committee for 2003/04 by the Policy and Resources Committee.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee at its special meeting on 31 January 2003 approved Revenue Resources Allocation for 2003/04 for each Service Committee. Those committees were requested to align service plans with the allocations taking into account feedback from the Council's public consultation exercise.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The total amount allocated to this committee was £79.848m. The tables below highlight an indicative allocation across objective and subjective headings.
- 3.2 Committee will be aware that the Director, in conjunction with Finance Department colleagues, is currently undertaking a full budget realignment as agreed with the Budget Scrutiny Group, which will be completed prior to 31 March 2003. This is necessary to address cost implications of unavoidable activities such as outwith placements and water rates and which have been accommodated within the overall departmental budget allocations. The objective of this exercise will be to minimise the level of variances being reported to both the Budget Scrutiny Group and Education Committee, in both this and previous financial years.
- 3.3 Following this exercise objective/subjective summaries may be subject to alteration as budgets are aligned at cost centre level, and any amendments arising from this will be reported to Committee at the earliest opportunity. The initial draft allocations are as follows in sections 3.4 and 3.5 below.

### 3.4 Objective Summary

<b>Heading</b>	<b>£m</b>
Central Administration	1.359
Pre-Five's Provision	4.887
Primary Schools	28.910
Secondary Schools	33.211
Special Education	6.067
Other Education	0.343
Psychological Services	0.445
Quality Development	0.771
Community Support	2.940
Community Halls	0.165
Youth Strategy	0.283
New Community Schools	0.467
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.848</b>

### 3.5 Subjective Summary

<b>Heading</b>	<b>£m</b>
Employee Costs	60.134
Property Costs	8.194
Transport Costs	3.761
Supplies and Services	7.600
Third Party Payments	2.564
Transfer Payments	1.720
Income	(4.125)
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.848</b>

### 3.6 Quality of Life Funding

In addition to the above, this committee was allocated funding for Quality of Life initiatives for 2003/04 totalling £0.360m. The availability of this funding is dependent on the approval of the Council's overall submission by the Scottish Executive. Thereafter this committee will require to finalise proposals in relation to outcomes and a report will be submitted accordingly in due course. Following this the sum will be allocated across appropriate budget lines.

## 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members confirm acceptance of the Resource Allocation notified by the Policy and Resources Committee and approve the distribution of this as detailed in Paragraph 3 above.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

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