

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRAURY 2004**

#### **ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION – HUNTER FOUNDATION SUPPORT**

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

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Education Committee of the support for developments in Enterprise in Education being provided by the Hunter Foundation.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Scottish Executive Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Department (SELLD) issued a review of the Enterprise in Education entitled “Determined to Succeed” (DtS) in 2002. The Scottish Executive responded to this review in March 2003 by accepting all 20 recommendations and indicating that additional funds would be provided to promote the development of Enterprise in Education from 2003 to 2006.
- 2.2** The Authority has a substantial record in developing Enterprise in Education in recent years. The Education Committee received a strategy paper in March 2002 and an update paper in September 2003; significant work has been ongoing in the schools to support this strategy. The Authority also co-operates with external agencies such as Careers Scotland, Youth Enterprise Scotland, and others to provide valuable Enterprise Education activities for pupils in primary and secondary schools.
- 2.3** SELLD identified East Ayrshire as one of ten leading local authorities to participate in the first phase of the initiative to support DtS. The Authority is now receiving funding to develop its work in Enterprise in Education for the period to June 2006.
- 2.4** The Hunter Foundation has provided additional funding to the Scottish Executive to support developments in parallel with the DtS implementation. East Ayrshire entered discussions with the Hunter Foundation in August 2003 to negotiate the nature of specific support for the Authority. These negotiations were successfully concluded recently and work is now progressing on implementing the proposals for the period 2003 to 2006.

- 2.5** A launch conference was held on 2 December 2003 for all schools within the Authority. Representatives of SELLD, Hunter Foundation and the Authority participated in a successful conference.

### **3. HUNTER FOUNDATION SUPPORT**

- 3.1** This programme focuses on developing Enterprise in Education initially within two Learning Partnerships (LPs), namely Cumnock and Stewarton. It is hoped to extend certain aspects of the programme to the other LPs in the later stages of the programme.

- 3.2** The aims of the Hunter Foundation programme are to:

- Develop leadership skills in the Head Teachers of the schools within the LPs.
- Develop skills related to enterprise education and creativity within a targeted cohort of teachers.
- Contribute to developing social skills, life skills, creativity skills and enterprise skills within the pupils in the LPs.
- Contribute to raising attainment and achievement levels of pupils within the LPs.

#### **3.3 Head Teacher Training Programme**

The Head Teacher, and/or Depute Head Teacher, in each school in the LP will participate in the Columba 1400 programme on leadership training. The Head Teachers will also be supported by East Ayrshire in implementing the programme by working in partnership with educational researchers and consultants of international standing (Michael Fullan of the University of Toronto; Tony Buzan and Tapestry). The Head Teachers will form a local support group with a focus on meeting the needs of their local community. In 2003 – 04, the focus will be on Head Teachers in the Cumnock and Stewarton LPs. It may be possible to extend the Columba 1400 programme further to other LPs in years two and three.

#### **3.4 Training Programme for Teachers**

A selected group of Principal Teachers from each secondary school in the Cumnock and Stewarton LPs will participate in a training programme on introducing Enterprise in Education in S3-S6. This group of teachers will then develop and implement an Enterprise in Education programme for S3-S6. This programme will dovetail with the overall LPs approach to creativity and Enterprise in Education as developed by the Head Teachers in paragraph 3.3. An intensive course will provide training for teachers and indicate a clear pathway to develop and implement an enterprise and innovation programme for their pupils.

### **3.5 Development of Primary School Teachers**

The programme will also include teachers in the primary schools in the Cumnock and Stewarton LP. The focus will be on the development of Enterprise and Creativity and this would involve the training of a specified number of primary school teachers, who in turn would then become trainers themselves within their own school. They would be able to both influence directly pupil work in the classroom and to provide further training to other colleagues. This training in the development of Enterprise in Creativity skills would be provided by the Tapestry Foundation.

Tony Buzan and the Tapestry Foundation will also work directly with pupils in primary 7 and the first year of secondary school to develop their creativity skills.

## **4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** This significant investment in Enterprise in Education will be fully funded by the ring-fenced additional resources allocated to East Ayrshire Council by the Hunter Foundation. These funds are as follows:

- 2003 – 04        £175,000
- 2004 – 05        £98,100 (plus £90,000 to be confirmed)
- 2005 – 06        £111,800 (plus £90,000 to be confirmed)

The full costs of this programme will be fully funded within the above allocations. There will be no additional funding demands on East Ayrshire Council.

**4.2** Full consultation will take place with Heads of Establishments as appropriate.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** The Education Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Commend this further development of Enterprise in Education with a specific focus on the Cumnock and Stewarton Learning Partnerships, and
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

John Mulgrew  
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## **List of Background Papers**

1. Determined to Succeed: A Review of Enterprise Education (2002)
2. Determined to Succeed: Enterprise in Education – Scottish Executive Response (203)
3. Education Committee Paper – Enterprise in Education- 16 September 2003

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