

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 7 MARCH 2001**

**SUPPORT FOR THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING PUBLIC PRIVATE  
PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS**

**Report by Director of Educational & Social services**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Education Committee of the outcome of the recent bid submitted for costs to develop an early investigation and feasibility study into a schools Public Private Partnership project.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 When the Policy and Resources Committee met on 5 October 2000, consideration was given to a paper prepared by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined the detail of a circular from the Scottish Executive Education Department inviting authorities to bid for financial support for the costs of a feasibility study into developing a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project for school buildings. The committee agreed, in principle, to the development of a Public Private Partnership project for school buildings in East Ayrshire and also agreed to the Director submitting a bid for the cost of a feasibility study and early investigation into PPP projects.

Consequently, a bid for funding was submitted to the Scottish Executive for their consideration.

**3. RESPONSE TO BID**

- 3.1 Only recently has the authority received a response to this bid from the Scottish Executive. A sum of £320,000 has been awarded to take forward the feasibility study in East Ayrshire. The Scottish Executive have indicated that there will be flexibility for costs to fall to the next financial year (2001/02). The authority will, in due course submit claims for expenditure incurred on the initiative.

Arrangements will now be put in place to take this initiative forward with the principal aim of preparing a detailed, costed report for future consideration of Elected Members.

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

- 4.1 All financial commitments to be claimed from Scottish Executive Education Department up to a maximum of £320,000.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:

- (i) note the successful outcome of the bid to the Scottish Executive for funding to support a feasibility study into developing Public Private Partnerships in school buildings;
- (ii) invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the feasibility study; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services, Tel: (01563) 576017.

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**AGENDA**