

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2003

QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Education Committee of the position regarding Quality of Life funding and to indicate the purposes for which the funding will be utilised.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 On 31 January 2003, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed the terms of a submission to the Scottish Executive outlining how it was proposed to use the funding allocated to the Council for Quality of Life initiatives.

3. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive has now agreed to these proposals and Members of the Education Committee are now invited to agree how best to implement the aspects of the initiative for which the Education Committee has responsibility.

- 3.2 Liaison with other departments will be a feature of implementation where common interests exist and this will be arranged. Similarly, the education service will benefit from linking with other departments of the Council where they hold lead responsibility.

- 3.3 The funding allocation to education over three financial years is as follows:

<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>
£360,000	£440,000	£510,000

- 3.4 This funding will be used in a positive way to develop and enhance opportunities for children and young people along with proposals to improve the environment within which educational opportunities are taken forward.

- 3.5 Included in the agenda for action will be initiatives which relate to:

- enhancing safe play surfaces in pre-5
- expansion of breakfast clubs in schools
- development of detached youth work
- provision of enhanced facilities for young people
- responding positively to youth representative initiatives
- developing the eco schools awards

- increasing CCTV provision
- upgrade of community learning centres

3.6 Within this framework, priority for action and specific proposals will now be determined and developed for implementation. The opportunity to enhance developments, particularly for the most vulnerable is to be welcomed.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Funding has been allocated from the national Quality of Life initiative and implementation will proceed within agreed strategies.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Members of the Education Committee are asked to:

- (i) agree to the framework for action outlined in this paper;
- (ii) invite the Director to make the necessary arrangements to implement this initiative;
- (iii) invite the Director to advise Members of committee of progress, in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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