

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2003

STAGED INTERVENTION NATIONAL PILOT

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Members of the latest developments in the Framework for Intervention programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that to support class teachers with classroom management strategies, the Authority has adopted the Framework for Intervention approach. Under this initiative, each school identifies a Behaviour Co-ordinator (BeCo) who supports staff. The BeCo is a colleague who is respected for their work and skills in this field and schools receive an allocation of funding to support staff development.
- 2.2 East Ayrshire was the first Authority in Scotland to adopt and develop this approach which was originally devised in Birmingham. As a result of this work, a description of the East Ayrshire project was included in the national report "Better Behaviour – Better Learning". Staff from East Ayrshire have contributed to a number of national conferences on the subject. Colleagues from other authorities have attended training in East Ayrshire on this approach.

3. THE NATIONAL PILOT PROGRAMME

- 3.1 Following this work, Framework for Intervention has been adopted by the Scottish Executive under the project title "Staged Intervention". Additional funding has been allocated by the Scottish Executive to take forward the project within each local authority. The emphasis in 2003/2004 is on evaluation. A report will be submitted to the Scottish Executive towards the end of June 2004.
- 3.2 Additionally, the Scottish Executive has recognised the pioneering work done in East Ayrshire. As a result they have offered the Youth Strategy Manager, Maggie Fallon, the opportunity to support the national programme. Ms Fallon will be responsible for co-ordinating the initiative in Scotland, including the provision and advice to Education Authorities. This important work will involve part-time release from routine duties. The Scottish Executive have provided funds to allow this to take place. The Youth Strategy Manager post is an important one, and cover will be required while the incumbent is engaged in the Scottish Executive task.

3.3 Not only is this a valuable opportunity for the staff concerned, but it acknowledges East Ayrshire's position in the lead of a national initiative of significant importance.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The grant to the Authority for 2003/2004 in support of staged intervention is £13,913.

5.2 The Scottish Executive will reimburse East Ayrshire for the costs associated with the release of the Youth Strategy Manager to participate in this work.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (i) note the contents of this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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