

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2002

PROPOSALS TO SPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose a further breakdown of expenditure plans for the £2.227m allocated to the Council by the Scottish Executive in 2002/03 “to improve services for children and young people and to improve the local environment and quality of life of our citizens.”

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 22 July 2002, the Emergency Powers Committee accepted an offer of £2.227m of additional grant for 2002/03 from the Scottish Executive and agreed to submit a programme for expenditure to the Scottish Executive.
- 2.2 The programme submitted comprised general proposals under two block headings:-

Local Environment with Emphasis on Quality of Life	£777,000
Children and Young People	<u>£1,450,000</u>
	<u>£2,227,000</u>

- 2.3 The Scottish Executive has now indicated that the themes in the Council’s submission are appropriate, but has also requested a more detailed breakdown of expenditure plans.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed that our submission’s themes be now grouped under the main heads, with the expenditure being set out in smaller blocks and allocated to Service Committees to determine the detail of projects relating to the themes illustrated.
- 3.2 The suggested distribution of resources, consistent with the initial broad submission, is set out in **Appendix 1**.

It has the following overall effect for Committees:-

Community Services	£930,000
Development Services	£502,000
Education	£600,000
Policy and Resources	£100,000
Social Work	<u>£95,000</u>
	<u>£2,227,000</u>

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None arising from this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The additional resources have been made available for 2002/03 only.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members are asked to:-

- (i) approve the additional financial allocations to committees as set out in 3.2 above and further detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) agree to submit this further detailed programme to the Scottish Executive for consideration;
- (iii) remit, subject to Scottish Executive approval, to the relevant committees the determination of specific projects to be carried out to expend their allocation in line with the general themes identified; and
- (iv) otherwise note the content of the report.

David Montgomery
Chief Executive

26 August 2002

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the Scottish Executive on the Reallocation of Scottish Budget Resources dated 8 August 2002.

APPENDIX 1

1. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON QUALITY OF LIFE: TOTAL £777,000

Parks and Open Spaces: £200,00

Community Services

- revitalise urban and country parks

Environmental Clean up: £200,000

Community Services

- expand litter disposal and collection services
- extend anti-dog fouling measures
- combat graffiti
- clear abandoned cars

Upgrading of Council Buildings: £30,000

Community Services

- enhance public meeting places

Upgrading of Property: £100,000

Development Services

- improve townscapes
- address dereliction

Roads and Footways: £247,000

Development Services

- reduce potholes
- renew road markings
- extend special safety surfaces
- create additional gateway safety features on principle routes into communities

2. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: TOTAL £1,450,000

Parks and Open Spaces: £200,000 Community Services

- expand children's play area provision
- create skateboarding facilities

Upgrading of Sports Buildings and Facilities: £300,000 Community Services

- refurbish and improve games halls and sports pavilions
- upgrade football pitches

Roads and Footways: £155,000 Development Services

- carry out repairs and improve safety measures in areas heavily used by school children
- target areas in housing estates and around schools

Education Establishments: £500,000 Education

- provide safe play surfaces in pre 5 centres
- extend playground games facilities in primary sector
- enhance community learning facilities and centres
- enhance school environments in primary sector

Health Development: £100,000 Education

- increase opportunities for healthy play and healthy eating for 3 - 5 year olds
- increase range of healthy eating options and promote balanced diet and exercise in secondary sector

Service Integration: £100,000

Policy and Resources

- further reinforce integration of services in new multipurpose centre in North West Kilmarnock, relocating pre-5 services and extending family support

Social Services: £95,000

Social Work

- improve facilities for young people

OVERALL TOTAL: £2,227,000

28 August 2002

AGENDA