

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS 21 MAY 2003

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME ALLOCATION 2003/04

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose to the Policy and Resources Committee the allocation of Local Committee Community Grants Scheme for 2003/2004.
- 1.2 Furthermore, to propose that a detailed analysis is undertaken during the year of three new sources of information relating to the measurement of Deprivation in Scotland, namely the Scottish Indices of Deprivation (SID 2003), the forthcoming detailed Census 2001 results and the Scottish centre for Research on Social Justice's Report 'Measuring Deprivation in Scotland.'

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 6 April 2000, the Council agreed a revised funding formula for the allocation of monies to Local Committees. The principal objective of the Scheme is 'to develop and put into practice a system of resource allocation which prioritises those most in need.'
- 2.2 For the purpose of determining the 2003/2004 allocations to Local Committees, Policy and Resources Committee on 31 January 2003 increased the overall amount available in the Local Community Grant Scheme for 2003/04 in line with inflation. The total amount has therefore risen from £175,497 to £180,464.

3 THE EXISTING FUNDING FORMULA FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 3.1 The Community Grants budget is allocated to Local Committees taking into consideration issues of deprivation and poverty in conjunction with a client based approach recognising vulnerability. The following statistical categories are currently used:

Population	the total population
Elderly Population	the number of people aged 60 and above
Deprivation	the number of people in the Top 20% Postcode Sectors classed as deprived by the Scottish Area Deprivation Index (1998) developed by the Scottish Executive
Clothing & Footwear Grants	the number of primary school children receiving these grants
Rural population	the number of people who stay in postcode sectors with a population density of less than 100 persons per square metre (as determined by the Scottish Executive)
Non Coalfield SIP/BNSF	for those Local Areas that are <u>not</u> part of the Coalfield SIP or Better Neighbourhood Services

Designation Fund Pathfinder area, a figure of 10% of the Local Area population.

- 3.2 The total pointage allocated is then expressed as a percentage of the sum of all Local Committee areas, and this percentage is then applied to the distribution of grant monies.
- 3.3 In summary, this system places an equal basis on all of the indicators, with the greater emphasis, and therefore pointage, being determined by 'the number of people included in each Indicator Classification'.

4 MEASUREMENTS OF DEPRIVATION AND POPULATION

- 4.1 Currently, the Council's Local Committee Grant Scheme allocations are based on the 'Deprivation' measurements in the Scottish Area Deprivation Index for Scottish Postcode Sectors last revised in 1998.
- 4.2 In February 2003, the Scottish Executive made available interim Scottish Indices of Deprivation (SID 2003), carried out by a team from the Social Disadvantage Research Centre based in Oxford University. A model detailing up to date information on the geographical distribution of multiple deprivation in Scotland was produced.
- 4.3 In May 2003, the Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice issued a consultation document detailing their proposals to develop a long-term strategy for measuring deprivation in Scotland.
- 4.4 An initial analysis of both documents has concluded that due to the complexity surrounding the analysis of the methodology used in the construction of Deprivation Indicators, further work is required to ensure a comprehensive understanding of these documents, and of the implications to the Council in terms of providing a sound and fair basis for grant allocation and other associated functions.

POPULATION FIGURES

- 4.5 The information used to define population within the Council's Local Committee Grants Scheme comes from the Voluntary Population Survey (1998).
- 4.6 Revised population figures available from the detailed results of the 2001 Census will be available in the summer of 2003, and it is proposed that once available, these will also assist the basis of revised calculations for the Local Committee Grants Scheme allocations for 2004/2005.

SUMMARY

- 4.7 It is proposed that the status-quo is maintained for allocating Local Committee Grants for 2003/2004 (as detailed in Section 3 of this Report) with regard to measurements of population and deprivation pending a comprehensive analysis of the Scottish Indices of Deprivation (SID 2003), the forthcoming detailed Census 2001 results and the Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice's Report 'Measuring Deprivation in Scotland.'
- 4.8 The revised allocation table is shown in Appendix 1. The Committee is asked to note that the figures relating to Clothing and Footwear grants for Primary

Schools in 2002 from the Department of Educational and Social Services have been entered to update the pointage table from the 2001 figures.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Grants Scheme will operate within the policy guidelines issued in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound, as detailed in APB27 External Funding (January 2003).

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The overall level of funding being distributed to Local Committees with the Community Grants budget allocation for 2003/04 is £180,464 and appropriate allowance has been made for this in the 2003/2004 Estimates.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to:

- (i) agree to maintain the status-quo with regard to measurements of population and deprivation as they are calculated currently to determine the 2003/2004 Local Committee Grants Scheme allocations pending a comprehensive analysis of the information sources detailed in (iii) below;
- (ii) agree the increase in total funds available to the Local Community Grants Scheme for 2003/04 from £175,497 to £180,464, in line with inflation;
- (iii) remit the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the Scottish Indices of Deprivation (SID 2003), the forthcoming detailed Census 2001 results and the Scottish centre for Research on Social Justice's 'Measuring Deprivation in Scotland', and report back to the Policy and Resources Committee at a later date with respect to the implications for allocations within the Local Committee Grants Scheme 2004/2005; and otherwise
- (iv) note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Scottish Indices of Deprivation 2003 – February 2003
2. Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice – Measuring Deprivation in Scotland: Developing a Long-Term Strategy – May 2003 A Consultation Document (Responses due 6 June 2003)

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APPENDIX 1

Allocation 2002/2003	Local Committee	% of Total Pointage <i>(inc. updated Clothing and Footwear Grants figures)</i>	Allocation <i>(inc. inflation)</i> 2003/2004
£18,875	Northern Area	10.75	19,400
£17,156	Kilmarnock Central	9.79	17,667
£19,747	Kilmarnock North	11.22	20,248
£15,867	Kilmarnock South	9.05	16,332
£26,065	Irvine Valley	14.86	26,817
£53,463	Cumnock Area	30.45	54,952
£24,324	Doon Valley	13.88	25,048
£175,497		100.0%	£180,464