

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: 30 May 2001

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH PROJECT

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Irvine Valley Local Committee of the findings of a Youth Survey reported at the committee of 21 September 2000.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of the survey was to inform the work of the facility proposed for the young people from the Newmilns and Darvel areas, now known as the Darvel Advice and Information Resource for Youth (DAIRY) project.
- 2.2 The survey was devised and carried out between July and September 2000 by Newmilns and Darvel Girls Group with the support of staff from the Council's Department of Educational and Social Services, the Social Inclusion Unit and Strathclyde Police
- 2.3 Young people aged 12 to 25 were targeted through existing groups and local schools and also on the streets.

3. FINDINGS

- 3.1 Young people were asked a range of questions and invited to respond. The tables below show the main data extracted from the survey.
- 3.2 The following table gives a breakdown of the young people who completed the survey by gender and area.

Area	Boys	Girls	Total
Galston	5	19	24
Newmilns	17	17	34
Darvel	9	7	16
Unknown	3	3	6
Total	34	46	80

- 3.3 The following table gives the range of responses to additional questions asked.

Respondents previously attending no other club	46%
Respondents prepared to use a youth facility in Newmilns	52%
Number of respondents 14 years and over	50%
Number citing transport as a problem within the Irvine Valley	61%

3.4 Young people were asked what advice and information they would expect from a youth facility. The following table gives the range of responses.

Topic	% Response
Drugs	43%
Family issues	21 %
Information for carers	46%
Health	33%
Gender issues	23%
Employment	40%
Community action	25%

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The premises for the DAIRY project are currently being refurbished and a management committee has been established consisting of interested young people. Training in committee skills is ongoing.
- 4.2 The information gathered from the survey will be useful in informing the future priorities and work of the DAIRY project.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:
- i) notes the content of the report.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

John Mulgrew
Director of Educational and Social Services
14 May 2001

For further information on this report please contact Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer, London Road, Kilmarnock Tel: 01563 554607 or Eddie O'Connor, Gateway Centre, The Foregate, Kilmarnock. Tel: 01563525628

AGENDA