

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - PROGRESS AND PROPOSALS FOR FINANCE FROM THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND 2000/2001

Report by Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purposes of this report are:

- (a) to report on progress with the Early Action Plan;
- (b) to invite the Local Committee's comments on potential schemes for finance through the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A number of reports to this Local Committee have covered the background to social inclusion, the establishment of the local Social Inclusion Team projects financed from the 1999/2000 Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Resource Budget (now known as the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund), and the Early Action Plan. At the May 2000 meeting, it was agreed that reports on progress be submitted to alternate meetings of this Committee. Under that arrangement a progress report should have been submitted to the next meeting of this Local Committee. The report has been brought forward to fit the timescale for the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund, which will be considered by the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on 28 September 2000. There will be another opportunity for projects to be considered on 7 December 2000.

2.2 The process for the consideration of bids to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund was previously reported to committee on 31 May 2000, and is highlighted as follows:

Stage 1 - Endorsement of Action Plans by Local Committees - The Early Action Plan was approved in principle at the May 2000 meeting of this Committee.

Stage 2 - Local Social Inclusion Teams carry forward their Action Plans which may, where appropriate, include the development of schemes to be financed from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

Stage 3 - Submission to Local Committees for indication of whether the proposed scheme is supported. (This report discusses certain proposals for the Local Committee's consideration).

Stage 4 - Submission to Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group for its views, paying due attention to the recommendation made by the Local Committees.

Stage 5 - Submission to Policy and Resources Committee, including views of Local Committees and Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group, for consideration and funding decision.

2.3 At the meeting of this Local Committee in April 2000, it was agreed that the following subjects were suitable as the basis for bid funding, however, both ideas are currently being investigated within a wider framework:

- a drugs helpline: a proposal for a drugs helpline relating to part of Kilmarnock and possibly a wider area is under investigation;
- a local strategy for community access to lifelong learning: there is now a requirement on the Council, by the Scottish Executive, to produce Community Learning Plans. Three pilot community learning plans are being developed within East Ayrshire, one of which is for Darvel and Newmilns.

3. PROGRESS WITH THE EARLY ACTION PLAN FOR THE IRVINE VALLEY

3.1 The Appendix to this report shows the Early Action Plan with an additional column showing current progress.

4. PROJECTS FOR POTENTIAL FINANCING FROM THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND

4.1 The following proposal for finance from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund is submitted to the Local Committee for comment in accordance with the process described in paragraph 2.2.

4.1.1 Proposal: Outreach to drugs and alcohol users in the rural area

- Production of posters and leaflets, for display in surgeries, libraries, community venues, etc., containing information on existing and proposed drugs and alcohol support services.
- A pilot outreach service to take support services to users, with problems or at risk, in the rural area.
- The project has been developed with the involvement of the Bridge Project, the Ayrshire Council on Alcohol and ADAT (Alcohol and Drugs Action Team, which involves the Health Service). Grant to be administered through the Bridge Project and the Council on Alcohol.
- Area: Irvine Valley and the Northern Area.
- Finance requested:

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| Sessional worker(s), two days per week for one year | £6,000.00 |
| Production of posters and leaflets | <u>£1,000.00</u> |
| | £7,000.00 |

4.1.2 Further proposals will emerge as social inclusion activity develops.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposals in this report are consistent with the Council's approach to social inclusion.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The total sum set aside for the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund 2000/2001 is £65,000 for the whole of East Ayrshire, of which £21,000 has already been allocated. The application described in section 4 above is for a total of £7,000.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Local Committee is requested to:

- i) approve the progress and actions reported;
- ii) indicate whether it supports the proposal for potential financing from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund as outlined in Section 4 above; and
- iii) note that further proposals for finance from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund may be put before subsequent meetings for the Local Committee's consideration.

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Chief Executive

31 August 2000

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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - EARLY ACTION PLANS

APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2000

LOCAL COMMITTEE: IRVINE VALLEY

| <u>NO</u> | <u>ISSUE</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>TARGET AREA/GROUP</u> | <u>ANTICIPATED PERFORMANCE OUTCOME</u> | <u>PROGRESS</u> |
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| 1 | Putting the community at the heart of the social inclusion process | (a) Consultation with each Community Council on social inclusion issues within their areas to be used as a basis for: (i) further social inclusion work (ii) widening the network of community consultation | Community Councils | Collate information obtained, feed it into work development and plan extended consultation work | Meetings are underway with Community Councils in the Irvine Valley. The information obtained is being fed into work development. A programme of wider consultation will be commenced shortly. |
| 2 | Jobs and Income | (a) (i) <i>To examine issues relating to jobs, income and poverty;</i> (ii) Next steps as appropriate | Irvine Valley and Northern Area | Report of initial findings including proposals for action. | The viability of a self-employment project for 16-24 year olds is being assessed. Developments regarding out-of-school hours childcare for the whole of East Ayrshire, led by Educational and Social Services, are relevant. |

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| | | <p>(b) (i) <i>Establishment of a pilot information technology training project at Darvel Primary School;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Monitor and evaluate pilot project performance. Implement subsequent developments.</i></p> | Unemployed and semi-skilled adults | From Autumn 2000: 2 sessions per week; 10 to 12 participants per session. | The electrical and joinery work has been financed from the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Resource Budget Challenge Fund. The training project will become operational in September/October. |
| 3 | Crime and the Fear of Crime | <p>(a) (i) to examine issues relating to crime and the fear of crime;</p> <p>(ii) next steps as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) to examine, with the Bridge Project, drugs use issues and the potential for joint working;</p> <p>(c) promote the work of the Kilmarnock Family Support Group in offering advise, support and information to the family members of people with addiction problems;</p> <p>(d) to examine, with the Ayrshire Council on Alcohol, alcohol misuse issues and the</p> | <p>Irvine Valley and Northern Area</p> <p>Irvine Valley and Northern Area</p> <p>Kilmarnock, Irvine Valley and the Northern Area</p> <p>Irvine Valley and Northern Area</p> | <p>Report of initial findings including proposals for action</p> <p>Report of findings including proposals for action</p> <p>Increased usage of the Family Support Group's services by residents of the Irvine Valley.</p> <p>Report of findings including proposals for</p> | <p>Proposed actions from initial findings</p> <p>(a) awareness raising of existing services - Bridge Project, Family Support Group and Council on Alcohol;</p> <p>(b) development of outreach work proposals for these drugs and alcohol services;</p> <p>(c) integrate links to alcohol and drugs issues into activities under the "Young People" heading;</p> <p>(d) address fear of crime issues by linking work with 'Older People' and 'Young People'.</p> |

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| | | (e) identify vandalised sites for treatment, and potential remedial schemes for which to seek resources. | Irvine Valley and Northern Area | Identify schemes and investigate potential sources of finance | Community Councils (See Issue 1 above) were consulted regarding vandalised sites. No suggestions received. |
| 4 | Health and Disability | (a) To consult and request the involvement of the Forum on Disability, including updating the audit of accessibility of premises for people with a disability; (b) Secure funding and subsequently provide a mobile Healthy Living Centre which will deliver a flexible service tailored to the needs of individual communities | Irvine Valley and Northern Area East Ayrshire wide | Reach an agreement on the potential for joint working and update the audit of access. Secure funding and implement project | The Forum on Disability has agreed to joint working. An audit of accessibility of East Ayrshire council premises is currently being carried out. Other aspects of disability awareness are being considered. This project is being developed through a separate process and led by the Community Services Department. A decision on New Opportunities (Lottery) funding is expected in Autumn 2000. |
| 5 | Families | (a) (i) to examine issues relating to families, including children and childcare; (ii) next steps as appropriate | Irvine Valley and Northern Area | Report of initial findings including proposals for action | Developments on out of school provision are being progressed by the Council's Educational and Social Services Department; (b) homelessness including hostel use and Women's Aid (work continuing); (c) interviews are underway with 12 families with disabled children or adults; (d) rural issues (research underway). |

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| 6 | Young People | <p>(a) To implement a pilot youth project in which young people are supported in making their own decisions on the development of the project and on taking the appropriate action. The pilot scheme will include arrangements for:-</p> <p>(i) monitoring, assessment and recommendations; and</p> <p>(ii) proposals for future finance as appropriate.</p> | Irvine Valley - Young People | Pilot project implemented and future proposals developed. | <p>A grant has been made from the last round of the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund. Developments underway including contacts with young people. Occupation of premises has been delayed by vandalism at one building, but an alternative is being pursued. Establishment of the project is being assisted by a grant from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.</p> <p>On-street surveys to investigate the needs of young people have commenced in Galston, Newmilns and Darvel. Findings will inform the actions will be taken forward on an inter-agency basis.</p> |
| 7 | Older People | <p>(a) to involve local organisations for older people in a consultative event to examine issues relating to older people</p> <p>(b) Next steps as appropriate</p> | Irvine Valley - Older People | Consultative event - issues identified and proposals for action developed. | Timescale affected by need to ensure consistency with the arrangements for East Ayrshire Elderly Forum's first Annual Conference. It is now intended to hold an additional workshop especially for older people in the Irvine Valley and the Northern Area at that event. |

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