

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2004

PROGRESS REPORT ON IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee of the progress made in the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Irvine Valley Area.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The requirement to develop a Community Learning Strategy for each Scottish Local Authority Area was initially set out in the Scottish Executive Circular 4/99. East Ayrshire's Community Learning Strategy 2000-2003 was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 28 March 2000. This is now integrated into the Community plan for 2004-2007.
- 2.2** The Community Learning Strategy requires that all partners identify their commitment to the development of community based learning. From this commitment, local plans have been developed called Community Learning Plans. These local Plans detail how the Community Learning Strategy translates into meaningful local action.
- 2.3** Progress reports have been made to the Education Committee and the appropriate Local Committees.

3 IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

- 3.1** Community Learning and Development called the first meeting in June 2003 for those groups and agencies involved in community learning activities in the Irvine Valley Area. A number of meetings have taken place where the group have discussed their action plan in order to produce a Community Learning Plan for the summer of 2004.
- 3.2** The partners are presently conducting an audit of activities and a survey of community groups and individuals to determine their learning needs.
- 3.3** The outcomes and points for action contained in the Community Learning Plan will be informed by East Ayrshire's Community Plan.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- 4.1** Copies of the Plan will be made widely available to individuals and groups in the Irvine Valley.
- 4.2** Each of the partners developing points for action will work to ensure within resources available, successful action over the period of the Plan.
- 4.3** To measure the success of the Plan and to build information for the future Plans, a series of activities will take place each year. These include:-
- Community consultation activities at open days and events
 - Regular reports to East Ayrshire Council Community Learning Partnership and appropriate Council committees
 - Evaluations of existing community learning opportunities
 - Copies of the Plan and reviews will be forwarded to all Community Councils, Community Associations and voluntary organisations within the Irvine Valley Area.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The Community Learning Plan aims to draw together and co-ordinate activities of partners involved in Community Learning and Development. Costs arising from the co-ordination of the planning, monitoring activities and the production of the Plan have been met from Educational and Social Services budgets.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The development of Community Learning Plans is integral to the Promoting Community Learning theme of the Community Plan.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Nil.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** It is recommended that members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee note the contents of this report.

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9 January 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Scottish Executive Circular 4/99.
2. East Ayrshire Council's Community Learning Strategy 2002 – 2003.
3. East Ayrshire – The Community Plan
4. Community Learning Plans - Darvel/Newmilns, Kilmarnock North, Muirkirk, the Northern Area, and Kilmarnock South.

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