

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 APRIL 2000

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2000/2001 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

Report by the Director of Corporate Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is (i) to advise of the Committee grant spend for the last two financial years; (ii) to advise the Committee of the grant allocation for 2000/2001; and (iii) to ask the Committee to consider setting local priorities for grant funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Council at its meeting held on 6 April 2000 agreed to the distribution of finance to Local Committees on the basis of a range of indicators.
- 2.2** These indicators cover statistical categories for population, elderly, clothing and footwear grants, population in Postcode sectors classified as deprived, population in rural postcode sectors and non-coalfield Social Inclusion Programme designations.
- 2.3** For the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee the allocation for 2000/2001 is £16,115.

3. SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES

- 3.1** One of the prime responsibilities of Local Committees is to identify local issues, priorities and opportunities, and ensure that Council services respond accordingly. With the development of Social Inclusion Action Plans for Local Committee areas, Local Committees will have had an opportunity, earlier at this meeting, to determine their own priorities within the Social Inclusion Programme for this financial year.
- 3.2** In determining such priorities, Local Committees also have an opportunity, through their community grant funding, to support the activities of voluntary organisations and community groups which the Committee considers best support proposals to address the identified Social Inclusion Priorities.
- 3.3** Local Committees can, of course, in accordance with Council policy and the conditions of grant, spend their grant allocation as they consider appropriate. Local Committees can deal with each application on its merits and based on the information provided under the assessment process. However, in setting local priorities, Local Committees may wish to consider ring-fencing a proportion of their grant allocation to be directed specifically towards supporting those voluntary organisations and community groups active within

these local priority fields. The remaining grant funding would be spent by the Committee in the normal way.

- 3.4** To assist Local Committees in their consideration of this issue, a breakdown of community grant spend for last two financial years is detailed within the Appendix to this report which will allow Local Committees to reflect on their priorities for spend for this year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Any Community Grant awarded will require to be met from the total financial allocation for 2000/2001 being £16,115.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** None arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2000/2001 is £16,115;
- (ii) consider setting local priorities for the forthcoming financial year; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

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AGENDA