

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2001

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To invite the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve their local communities in their decision-making process by inviting appropriate Local Committee organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with named Substitutes.
- 2.2** Local Committees will review the community organisation sector representatives on an annual basis. The review will be subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme but at least one Community Representative should be drawn from each of the "core" community organisation sectors, namely:- Community Councils and the local elderly, disability and youth forums (or equivalent organisations).
- 2.3** In accordance with the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, Community Representative's appointments should terminate on 31 March each successive year. Fresh nominations are required from organisations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes to serve for a period of 1 year commencing on 1 April each year.
- 2.4** The Kilmarnock North Local Committee on 19 January 2000 acknowledged that the young person representative from the North West Kilmarnock area was recently appointed on 28 September 1999 and agreed that the nomination be continued for 2000/2001 thereafter to identify a young person representative from the New Farm Loch area for 2001/2002.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** Having regard to the provisions set out pertaining to community organisation representation on Local Committees, the current Community Representatives, including named Substitutes for this Committee are as detailed in Appendix I hereto.

3.2 The current Community Representatives "period of appointment" is due to expire on 31 March 2001. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Committee should now review the present community organisation representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and named Substitutes for the coming year.

3.3 As in past years, it should be noted that the Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups have contacted the parent organisations to seek nominations and thereafter considered and made representation to the Local Committee on the nominations for Community Representatives for the coming year and it would be considered appropriate to continue with this practice.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I;
- (ii) review community organisation representation to this Local Committee; and
- (iii) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources

10 January 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.
- 2.** Correspondence from Stewarton Council of Churches.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576140. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

APPENDIX I

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION 2000/2001

ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)
North West Community Council	Mrs Beryl Graham (Mrs Noreen Lennon)
Dean Community Council*	(Vacant) (Vacant)
New Farm Loch Community Council	Mr Matt Donnelly (Ms Kate Clannaghan)
Kilmarnock Disability Forum	Ms Dorothy McGowan (Vacant)
North West Youth Project	Ms Arlene Lindsay (Vacant)
North West Drugs Project	Mr Archie McKenzie (Mrs Anne McKenzie)
Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Mrs Janet Smith (Ms Nora McCabe)
Scottish Homes Tenants Group	Ms Maureen Brown (Vacant)
Young Persons Representative	Ms Lindsay Cargill (Vacant)
New Farm Loch Community Initiative	Mr Archibald Pryce (Mr Jerry Coyle)

* currently dissolved.

AGENDA