

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2000

**KILMARNOCK NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION EARLY ACTION PLAN –
PROGRESS REPORT**

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee of progress towards meeting the objectives of the Kilmarnock North Social Inclusion Early Action Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 11 April 2000 the Kilmarnock North Local Committee endorsed the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Early Action Plan covering the period April – September 2000 and requested that progress reports be submitted to future meetings.

3. PROGRESS REPORT

- 3.1 The appendix to this report contains the Action Plan and details of the current status of each of the identified issues.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 NIL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Committee is asked to:
- i) comment on progress made to date;
 - ii) identify further pertinent issues; and
 - iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
NIL

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	ISSUE	ACTION	TARGET AREA/ GROUP	TIMESCALE	PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES
2	COMMUNITY SAFETY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with established groups and contribute to the Community Safety Forum Seminar to determine community issues regarding crime and the fear of crime 2. To implement action plan from the above seminar 	Kilmarnock Wide	April-June	<p>Collate information obtained and prepare action plan by end of June 2000.</p> <p>Progress: Early actions agreed. Programme ongoing.</p>

CURRENT STATUS:

1. Following consultation within the Community Safety Forum it was identified that a number of issues require investigation.
 - a. Cost of vandalism to council property -Internal interdepartmental working group progressing actions in respect of vandalism.
 - b. Crime and the fear of crime within the community - invitations were sent to a number of individuals to attend a preliminary meeting to discuss this issue - although attendance was poor – a pilot community safety event has been organised within the Shortlees area in conjunction with local community representatives. On completion of this event a meeting will be convened with community representatives across Kilmarnock to consider the appropriateness of rolling out a similar programme within each of the local committee areas.

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3	HEALTH	<p>1. Secure funding and subsequently provide a mobile Healthy Living Centre, which will deliver a flexible range of health related services tailored to the needs of individual communities.</p> <p>2. To provide fun fitness sessions as part of the summer programme for children in partnership with Community Services Recreation Section.</p> <p>3. To support the provision of small scale targeted projects as part of the Ayrshire Active Living Group.</p>	<p>East Ayrshire Wide</p> <p>Kilmarnock Wide ages 6-12</p> <p>Kilmarnock Wide</p>	<p>April-Sept</p> <p>July-August</p> <p>August</p>	<p>Secure funding and implement project. Progress: Awaiting the outcome of the NOF bid – expected Sept 2000.</p> <p>Provide a minimum of 2 activity programmes. Progress: Programme achieved.</p> <p>Develop a minimum of 1 health promotion initiative per year. Progress: On target.</p>

CURRENT STATUS:

1. The 2nd stage funding application for the Healthy Living Centre has been submitted to the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) and it is likely that the outcome of this application will be known by September 2000. All necessary preparatory work has been carried out in advance of the announcement from NOF.
2. Fun Fitness Sessions aimed at P5-P7 and Teen Aerobics aimed at S1 – S4 commenced throughout the Kilmarnock area during the summer holiday period. Due to the relatively poor attendance (figures attached) an analysis of the sessions will be undertaken and any necessary remedial action taken for future events.
3. A meeting of this group was held on the 1 June 2000. Agenda items included the provision of an Ayrshire Wide Conference aimed at promoting GP referral schemes and the formation of a comprehensive active living action plan. A GP referral conference is planned for November 2000 and it is hoped to pilot a GP referral scheme within Kilmarnock during 2001. The active living group is also establishing a small grants scheme for active living projects further details will be circulated when finalised.

FUN & FITNESS

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
TIGER TOTS						
HUNTER	3	2	3	3	0	2
PATNA	3	3	0	0	0	0
MUIRKIRK	3	5	0	0	0	0
TEEN AEROBICS						
HUNTER	5	2	3	1	2	2
NEWMILNS	0	0	0	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
CUMNOCK	0	0	0			
MAUCHLINE	2	1	0			
FUN & FITNESS						
HUNTER	3	1	0	9	0	0
DARVEL	2	1	1	0	0	0
RICCARTON				0	0	0
N.F.L.				4	4	6
STEWARTON				6	2	1
N/CUMNOCK				8	4	6
CATRINE				19	15	12
WEEKLY TOTAL	21	15	7	50	27	29

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4	OUT OF SCHOOL CARE	1. To examine alternative means of funding to support the out of school care provision within Kilmarnock, including the preparation of a business plan.	Kilmarnock Wide	April-May	Identify and secure additional funding for Out of School Care: Progress: Funding secured till March 2001.
CURRENT STATUS					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interim funding package till March 2001 secured. Further funding opportunities being pursued via the New Opportunities Fund (NOF). 2. Further action to secure the long term viability of local Out of School Care projects will be led by the Department of Education and Social Services and will be the subject of further reports to committee. 					

5.	HOMELESSNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit existing services and identify gaps in support. 2. Bring together relevant parties with a view to drawing up a co-ordinated action plan. 	Kilmarnock Wide	<p>April-July</p> <p>August-Sept</p>	<p>Meet with all agencies, voluntary organisations and service users.</p> <p>Progress: Achieved.</p> <p>Prepare recommendations for co-ordinated plan of action.</p> <p>Progress: Conference planned.</p>
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CURRENT STATUS:

1. Following consultation with a range of agencies, led by officers of the Council and community representatives, it is recommended that in order to promote co-ordinated working a homelessness conference be held in Kilmarnock during October 2000. The aim of the conference will be to bring together local and national agencies with homeless people to identify local issues and to prepare an action plan to address issues raised.

The provisional themes for the conference are as follows

- a. access, availability and location of housing;
- b. benefits advice – uptake and accessibility;
- c. the provision of physical and social support in a variety of forms to assist people in maintaining their first tenancies;
- d. inter agency and departmental working; and
- e. a database of services and support available to homeless people.

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6	ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND SUPPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with partners to develop a Family Learning Centre and secure associated funding. 2. To work with partners to develop a Shopmobility Scheme and associated funding. 3. To work with the New Farm Loch Initiative Group and support their future activities in relation to the results of their recent community survey. 4. To work with the 29th Scout Group in the preparation of a Lottery Bid for the provision of a new building. 5. To establish a local strategy for community access to lifelong learning by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) identifying the requirements necessary to bring local libraries into the national grid; b) securing associated funding from all appropriate services to achieve overall vision. 	<p>Kilmarnock North</p> <p>Kilmarnock Wide</p> <p>Kilmarnock North</p> <p>Kilmarnock North</p> <p>Kilmarnock North</p>	<p>April- Sept</p> <p>April-June</p> <p>April-June</p> <p>April – June</p> <p>April -Sept</p>	<p>Develop proposal and secure funding. Progress: Ongoing.</p> <p>Develop proposal and secure funding. Progress: On target.</p> <p>Develop an agreed action plan. Progress: Ongoing.</p> <p>Prepare design and costing and associated Lottery application. Progress: :Funding bid submitted. Outcome expected Oct 2000.</p> <p>Strategy prepared and funding secured. Progress: Ongoing.</p>

CURRENT STATUS:

1. Family Learning Centre – initial discussions have commenced with Kilmarnock College, Community representatives and Onthank Primary School to develop a proposal for a family learning centre within Onthank Primary School and Onthank Community Centre. New Opportunities Fund (NOF) bid being considered for Oct. 2000. Further series of meetings with key partners planned for September.
2. Shopmobility – following the positive response to a questionnaire sent to disability groups a feasibility study is required. This study will establish start-up and ongoing costs and identify potential funding opportunities. This will be subject to final agreement of the partners. The consultants brief has been prepared and funding opportunities to complete this piece of work are being explored. A bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to meet part costs of the feasibility study is the subject of a separate report to committee.
3. New Farm Loch Initiative – A meeting is planned for the 14 September to discuss the outcome of the report from Paisley University. Further information will be provided at a future meeting.
4. 29th Scout Group – A lottery application and full business plan has been submitted. Outcome awaited.
5. Lifelong Learning – North West Kilmarnock has been identified within the draft Community Learning Strategy for East Ayrshire Council as a pilot area for the development of a community learning plan. The initiative being led by the Council's Community Education Service will be the subject of future meetings planned for autumn 2000.
6. Local access to library services. Following discussions with the Library Service a mobile library has been introduced into the North West of Kilmarnock.

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7	JOBS AND TRAINING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with partners to develop a Young Entrepreneurs Intermediate Labour Market training programme. 2. 	Kilmarnock/Irvine Valley and Northern area.	June-Sept	Develop proposals and funding secured. Progress: Ongoing
<p>CURRENT STATUS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A series of meetings with potential partners have been held and data for the project proposal collated. An outline proposal has been submitted to Strathclyde European Partnership (SEP) for their comment and consideration. Decision from S.E.P. expected September/October 2000. 					

AGENDA