

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2000

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH 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 South Social Inclusion Early Action Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At it's meeting of 26 April 2000 the Kilmarnock South 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. As a result of this meeting a community conference has been organised within Shortlees area in conjunction with the former CHASE Advisory Group. 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>4. To implement the Woodland plan for the Bellfield Estate through the East Ayrshire Woodlands project.</p>	<p>East Ayrshire Wide</p> <p>Kilmarnock Wide ages 6-12</p> <p>Kilmarnock Wide</p> <p>Kilmarnock South</p>	<p>April-Sept</p> <p>July-August</p> <p>August</p> <p>April -Aug</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> <p>Completed works. 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.**
4. Tree planting is now completed, path work and other associated programmes are due for completion Autumn 2000.

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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	1. Audit existing services and identify gaps in	Kilmarnock Wide	April-July	Meet with all agencies,

		support.			voluntary organisations and service users.
		2. Bring together relevant parties with a view to drawing up a co-ordinated action plan.		August-Sept	Progress: Achieved. Prepare recommendations for co-ordinated plan of action. Progress: Conference planned.

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	1. To work with partners to develop a Community Learning Centre and secure associated funding.	Kilmarnock South	April-Sept	Develop proposal and secure funding. Progress: Funding application submitted.
		2.To work with partners to develop a Shopmobility Scheme and associated funding.	Kilmarnock Wide	April - June	Develop proposal and secure funding. Progress: On target

CURRENT STATUS:

1. A New Opportunities Fund application has been submitted to fund the establishment of a Community Learning Centre based within the Shortlees Community Centre. The outcome of the application is expected during September 2000.
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.

	ISSUE	ACTION	TARGET AREA/ GROUP	TIMESCALE	PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES
7	JOBS AND TRAINING	1. To work with partners to develop a Young Entrepreneurs ILM training programme.	Kilmarnock/Irvine Valley and Northern Area	June-Sept	To develop proposals and identify funding sources: Progress: Ongoing.
		2. Assist in the establishment of an Employment Action Team for the KA1. 4 postcode area.	KA1. 4 Postcode Area	July-Aug	To develop a co-ordinated working arrangement between the Social Inclusion Team and the Employment Service: Progress: Achieved.

CURRENT STATUS:

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.
2. The Employment Service Job Action Team is now located within 15 Shortlees Crescent and networking arrangements have been established with the Social Inclusion Team. Advertising in the form of publicity fliers will be delivered throughout the postcode area during September 2000.

A meeting has been scheduled for 12 September 2000 with members of the S.I.P Team, Wise Group, Cunningham Housing Association and the Employment Service to investigate the possibility of an intermediate labour market project within the KA14 area. The results of this meeting will be reported back in due course.

8	YOUNG PEOPLE	1.To consult with relevant agencies, the wider community and young people to explore issues relating to young people.	Kilmarnock South	April-Sept	To develop actions which will address the issues brought forward through discussion. Progress: Ongoing
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CURRENT STATUS:

1. A series of meetings have been held with Strathclyde Police, community representatives and the local elected member to discuss the problems associated with young people in the Shortlees area. The meetings agreed a four point action plan, as follows:

- to explore funding opportunities to site a youth shelter;
- to support and participate in the local Community Conference;
- to encourage the Elderly Forum to discuss the problem; and
- to encourage parents to meet together.

The group also agreed that a meeting of senior officers from the Council, the Police and Housing agencies should take place to establish a co-ordinated plan of action. This meeting agreed a number of actions. These actions include:

- establishing a working group of key decision makers/influencers, to tackle the identified problems;
- agreeing a long term Action Plan for the area;
- exploring opportunities for short/medium term action; and
- ongoing meetings/networking on a regular basis.

It has now been agreed that a submission to the Community Safety Challenge Fund be made to provide 2 detached street workers within the Shortlees area. It was also agreed that funding to install a youth shelter be explored. This is the subject of a separate report to the Local Committee.

Both funding applications will be made during September 2000.

AGENDA

