

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 11 JUNE 2003

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2003/2004

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of (i) the grant allocation for 2003/2004 and (ii) the grant spend for the last two financial years.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Emergency Powers Committee held on 21 May 2003, the Council agreed to maintain the status quo with regard to measurements of population and deprivation as they are calculated currently, to determine the 2003/2004 Local Committee Grants Scheme allocations pending a comprehensive analysis of the information sources used (namely The Scottish Indices of Deprivation (SID 2003), the forthcoming detailed Census 2001 results and the Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice's "Making Deprivation in Scotland"). The outcome of the planned review will then inform the allocations for 2004/2005.

- 2.2 The percentage allocation is, therefore, based on the existing range of indicators detailed below:-

- population;
- elderly population;
- deprivation;
- clothing and footwear grants;
- rural population; and
- non-Coalfield/Better Neighbourhood Services Fund designation.

- 2.3 Accordingly, the Local Committee allocation for the Kilmarnock North Local Committee for 2003/2004 is £20,248.00, increased in line with inflation from the 2002/2003 allocation of £19,747.00.

3. GRANT SPEND FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS

- 3.1 A breakdown of Community Grant spend for the last two financial years is detailed within the Appendix to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Any Community Grant awarded will require to be met from the total financial allocation for 2003/2004, namely £20,248.00.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2003/2004 is £20,248.00; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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