

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE
28 JANUARY 2004**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON KILMARNOCK SOUTH
COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN**

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of Kilmarnock South Local Committee of the progress made in the production of the Community Learning Plan for Kilmarnock South.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The requirement to develop a Community Learning Strategy for each Scottish Local Authority Area was initially set out in the Scottish Executive circular 4/99. East Ayrshire's Community Learning Strategy 2002-2003 was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 28 March 2000. This is now integrated into the Community Plan for 2004-2007.
- 2.2** The Community Learning Strategy requires all partners to identify their commitment to the development of community based learning. From this commitment local plans have been developed called Community Learning Plans. These local plans detail how the Community Learning Strategy translates into meaningful local action.
- 2.3** Progress reports have been made to Education Committee and appropriate Local Committees.

3. KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

- 3.1** The first meeting was called by the Community Learning and Development Service on the 11 September 2002 for those groups and agencies involved in Community Learning and Development activities in Kilmarnock South. A total of 8 meetings were held between this date and June 2003 when the final draft Plan was agreed.
- 3.2** During that period a number of activities were carried out by partners including
- An audit of activities
 - Surveys of community groups and individuals to determine their learning needs

- 3.3** Outputs for the Plan were determined using the above information and taking direction from East Ayrshire Council's draft Community Plan.
- 3.4** The finalised Community Learning Plan for Kilmarnock South was developed during the summer period and it was officially launched on 31 October 2003 in Shortlees Community Education Centre. The launch was attended by representatives from the agencies and groups who had been involved in the process.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- 4.1** Copies of the Plan have been made widely available to individuals and groups in Kilmarnock South.
- 4.2** All of the agencies who developed the 24 points for action will be working to ensure that within the resources available, the Plan is implemented over the coming year.
- 4.3** To measure the success of this Plan and to build information for future plans, a series of activities will take place each year. These will include
- a community consultation open day
 - regular reports to East Ayrshire Community Learning Partnership
 - evaluations of existing community learning opportunities
 - survey involving 1% of the population
 - copies of the Plan and reviews will be forwarded to all Community Councils, Community Associations and other community and voluntary organisations within Kilmarnock South who commit as partners to the plan
 - a review of progress will be conducted later on 2004

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The Community Learning Plan aims to draw together and co-ordinate activities of partners involved in Community Learning and Development. Costs arising from the co-ordination of the planning monitoring activities and the production of the Plan, have been met from Educational and Social Services budgets.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The development of Community Learning Plans are integral to the Promoting Community Learning theme of the Community Plan.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Nil

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** It is recommended that Members of the Local Committee note the contents of this report.

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5 December 2003
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Scottish Executive Circular 4/99
2. East Ayrshire Council's Community Learning Strategy 2000-2003
3. East Ayrshire - Community Plan
4. Kilmarnock South Community Learning Plan

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