

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - EARLY ACTION PLANS

April - September 2000

LOCAL COMMITTEE: NORTHERN AREA

NO	ISSUE	ACTION	TARGET AREA/GROUP	ANTICIPATED PERFORMANCE OUTCOME	PROGRESS
1	Putting the community at the heart of the social inclusion process	(a) Consultation with each community council on social inclusion issues within their areas to be used as a basis for: (i) further social inclusion work (ii) widening the network of community consultation	Community Councils	Collate information obtained, feed it into work development and plan extended consultation work	Meetings are underway with Community Councils in the Northern Area. The information obtained is being fed into work development. A programme of wider consultation will be commenced shortly.
2	Jobs and Income	(a) (i) To examine issues relating to jobs, income and poverty; (ii) Next steps as appropriate	Northern Area and Irvine Valley	Report of initial findings including proposals for action.	Report produced and its main points summarised in the covering report to this Appendix. Proposed actions are being assessed in accordance with the report's findings; (a) the viability of a self-employment project is being assessed; (b) a pilot information technology training project elsewhere in East Ayrshire will be monitored to assess its potential for replication in other locations including the Northern Area; and (c) developments regarding out-of-school hours childcare for the whole of East Ayrshire, led by Educational and

					Social Services, are recognised as relevant.
3	Crime and the Fear of Crime	<p>(a) (i) to examine issues relating to crime and the fear of crime;</p> <p>(ii) next steps as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) to examine, with the Bridge Project, drugs use issues and the potential for joint working;</p> <p>(c) promote the work of the Kilmarnock Family Support Group in offering advise, support and information to the family members of people with addiction problems;</p> <p>(d) to examine, with the Ayrshire Council on Alcohol, alcohol misuse issues and the potential for joint working;</p> <p>(e) identify vandalised sites for treatment, and potential remedial schemes for which to seek resources.</p>	<p>Northern Area and Irvine Valley</p> <p>Northern Area and Irvine Valley</p> <p>Kilmarnock, Irvine Valley and the Northern Area</p> <p>Northern Area and Irvine Valley</p> <p>Northern Area and Irvine Valley</p>	<p>Report of initial findings including proposals for action</p> <p>Report of findings including proposals for action</p> <p>Increased usage of the Family Support Group's services by residents of the Northern Area</p> <p>Report of findings including proposals for action</p> <p>Identify schemes and investigate potential sources of finance</p>	<p>Report of initial findings has been produced, which integrates information and proposals for action from the Bridge Project and the Council on Alcohol. The report's main points are summarised in the covering report to this appendix. Whilst other types of crimes are falling in numbers, those related to substance use are rising. Proposed actions are (a) awareness raising of existing services - Bridge Project, Family Support Group and Council on Alcohol; (b) development of outreach work proposals for these drugs and alcohol services; (c) links with activities under the "Young People" heading (see below); (d) links with activities under the "Older People" heading (see below).</p> <p>Community Councils (See Issue 1 above) were consulted regarding vandalised sites. No suggestions received.</p>
4	Health and Disability	<p>(a) To consult and request the involvement of the Forum on Disability, including updating the audit of accessibility of premises for people with a disability;</p>	<p>Northern Area and Irvine Valley</p>	<p>Reach an agreement on the potential for joint working and update the audit of access.</p>	<p>The Forum on Disability has agreed to joint working. An audit of accessibility of East Ayrshire council premises is currently being carried out. Other aspects of disability awareness are being considered.</p>

		(b) Secure funding and subsequently provide a mobile Healthy Living Centre which will deliver a flexible service tailored to the needs of individual communities	East Ayrshire wide	Secure funding and implement project	This project is being developed through a separate process and led by the Community Services Department. A decision on New Opportunities (lottery) funding is expected in Autumn 2000.
5	Families	(a) (i) to examine issues relating to families, including children and childcare; (ii) next steps as appropriate	Northern Area and Irvine Valley	Report of initial findings including proposals for action	The following issues have been identified for consideration and reporting: (a) childcare (report completed and its main points summarised in the covering report to this appendix); (b) homelessness including hostel use and Women's Aid (work continuing); (c) families with disabled children/adult offspring (interview with 12 families underway); (d) rural issues (research underway).
6	Young People	Examine issues relating to young people taking into account previous work regarding leisure opportunities.	Northern Area - Young People	Report of initial findings and development of actions	Commencement of work was prefaced by an investigation of youth work resources in the local area. Preparation of report and proposed actions is now underway.
7	Older People	(a) to involve local organisations for elderly people in a consultative event to examine issues relating to older people (b) Next steps as appropriate	Northern Area - Older People	Consultative event - issues identified and proposals for action developed. AGENDA	Timescale affected by need to ensure consistency with the arrangements for East Ayrshire Elderly Forum's first Annual Conference. It is now intended to hold an additional workshop especially for older people in the Northern Area and Irvine Valley at that event.