

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2001

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997

PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Local Committees of the programme for the second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Council agreed on 27 March 1997 to adopt the Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils.
- 2.2** Subsequently, the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 March 1998 agreed to undertake a first review of the East Ayrshire Community Council Scheme and thereafter Council agreed on 24 September 1998 to adopt the revised East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997.
- 2.3** In the last year the Council has been in receipt of a number of informal submissions from Elected Members, Community Councils and Council Officers in relation to several aspects of the Scheme.
- 2.4** Policy and Resources Committee on 30 November 2000 agreed to undertake a second review of the East Ayrshire Community Council Scheme, 1997, in consultation with Community Councils, Local Members and the public.

3. SECOND REVIEW OF SCHEME

- 3.1** Under the Legislation, Local Authorities can, from time to time, review Community Council Schemes upon receipt of such information, and, accordingly, it has been agreed that a second review be undertaken.
- 3.2** In addition, the Department of Corporate Resources had been concerned by the recent dissolution of several Community Councils, and as a result, has been considering what additional support Community Councils may require, as well as other review considerations such as boundaries, membership levels and quorum for meetings. These issues will form part of the review consultation process.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1** A Statutory Notice advising of the second review of the Scheme was published week-ending 15 December 2000 in the local Press.

4.2 Community Council Secretaries have been in receipt of an information pack containing the existing Scheme and their current boundary plans.

4.3 Similar documentation has been circulated to all Council Local Offices and Libraries for public inspection.

5. **TIMETABLE/CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

5.1 The timetable (Appendix I) for the Review of the Scheme indicates that the process be undertaken in stages between 5 January and 28 September 2001 with a final report being submitted to Council at its meeting in October 2001.

5.2 During the first period of consultation relevant Council Officials will attend Community Council meetings throughout East Ayrshire to hear their views and submissions in relation to the Scheme.

6. **LEGAL AUTHORITY**

6.1 Section 53(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

6.2 Part 1, Section 22 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 To be met from within existing budgets.

8. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil**

9. **RECOMMENDATION**

9.1 To note that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 13 November 2000 had agreed to undertake a second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, in consultation with Community Councils, Local Members and the public.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

8 January 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
2. Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994; and
3. East Ayrshire Council Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils, 1997.
4. Correspondence to Community Council Secretaries.
5. Community Council/Local Offices/Libraries Information Pack.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Alex Hewetson or Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officers on Telephone numbers (01563) 576093/576094 respectively. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

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APPENDIX I

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW OF THE SCHEME

30 November 2000	-	Initial report to Policy and Resources Committee
5 January - 2 March 2001	-	First Consultation Period - 8 weeks
8 March 2001	-	Report to Council
6 April - 1 June 2001	-	Second Consultation Period - 8 weeks
28 June 2001	-	Report to Council
31 August - 28 September 2001	-	Third Consultation Period - 4 weeks
October 2001	-	Final Report to Council

AGENDA