

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2001**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To invite the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve their local communities in their decision-making process by inviting appropriate Local Committee organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with named Substitutes.
- 2.2** Local Committees will review the community organisation sector representatives on an annual basis. The review will be subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme but at least one Community Representative should be drawn from each of the "core" community organisation sectors, namely:- Community Councils and the local elderly, disability and youth forums (or equivalent organisations).
- 2.3** In accordance with the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, Community Representative's appointments should terminate on 31 March each successive year. Fresh nominations are required from organisations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes to serve for a period of 1 year commencing on 1 April each year.

### **3. PRESENT POSITION**

- 3.1** Having regard to the provisions set out pertaining to community organisation representation on Local Committees, the current Community Representatives, including named Substitutes for this Committee are as detailed in Appendix I hereto.
- 3.2** The current Community Representatives "period of appointment" is due to expire on 31 March 2001. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Committee should now review the present community organisation representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and named Substitutes for the coming year.

**3.3** Stewarton Council of Churches has intimated that it would wish to be considered for nomination to serve on this Local Committee.

**3.4** As Local Committees have a maximum membership for Community Representatives of ten organisations, an option for this Committee, if it agreed to approve another organisation for Committee membership, would be to de-select one of the current Community Councils, the local Business Community or the Community/Residents Association from the current Committee membership. Alternatively, as provided under the Council's Decentralisation Scheme, Local Committees may seek additional membership. However, this course is not considered appropriate pending the outcome of the review of the decision-making structure of the Council.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL**

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I;
- (ii) review community organisation representation to this Local Committee; and
- (iii) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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Director of Corporate Resources

10 January 2001

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1.** Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.
- 2.** Correspondence from Stewarton Council of Churches.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576093. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

## APPENDIX I

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

<b>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</b>	<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)</b>
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Ms Carolyn Blyth (Mr Jimmy Miller)
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Watson Muirhead (Dr Fiona MacDonald)
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Russel Hutcheson (Mr William Ferguson)
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Mr John Douglas (Mrs Lorna Beattie)
Stewarton & District Community Council	Mr Iain Finlayson (Mrs Mary White)
Community/Residents Association	Mr John McFadden JP (Mr William Gibson)
Disability Forum	Mrs Margaret Lees (Mr David Porter)
Elderly Forum	Mr George Paterson (Vacant)
Local Business Community	Mr Alan Dickson (Vacant)
Youth Forum	Mr Simon Quig (Mr John Kean)

#### AGENDA