

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE : 24 JANUARY 2001**

### **KILMAURS WINTER YOUTH PROJECT**

#### **Report by Directors of Educational and Social Services and Corporate Resources**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To seek the endorsement of the Local Committee for funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to support a youth development project in Kilmaurs.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** In response to concerns raised by community representatives, young people and the elected member about a lack of resources for young people in the Kilmaurs area, the Community Education Service, in conjunction with colleagues from the Social Inclusion Unit, have met with a range of individuals and organisations to discuss their concerns. In response to this initial consultation, it is proposed that the following project is delivered in order to work with young people, in a semi-structured environment, to further identify need.

#### **3.0 PROPOSAL**

- 3.1** It is proposed that the Kilmaurs Winter Youth Project to engage with young people in the Kilmaurs area, using the Glegg Whittle café as a venue.
- 3.2** The objectives of the proposal are to:
- make contact with young people aged 12-21 years
  - offer information, advice, issue based group work and computer access
  - work with young people to identify their future needs and assist them in developing a programme of activity
  - support young people in researching funding sources for future developments.
- 3.3** The project will employ 2 sessional staff on 2 evenings per week for an initial period of 3 months.

**3.4** The total cost of the project including sessional staff, rental of venue and programme costs is £5,000. An alternative funding package will be sought in response to the needs of the young people involved in the project.

**4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** NIL

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** The full cost of this project can be met from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

**6.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**6.1** The Local Committee is requested to:

- i) endorse the proposal for potential financing from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund as outlined in Section 3.0 above.

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**Director of Corporate Resources**

**24 January 2001**

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**Director of Educational & Social Services**

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**AGENDA**