

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 23 JANUARY 2002

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

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 2002 to 31 March 2003.

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 2002. 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.

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 2002 to 31 March 2003 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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Director of Corporate Resources

8 January 2002

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576129. 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

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Ms Carolyn Blyth (Mr Jimmy Miller)
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Ashley Bell (Dr Fiona MacDonald)
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Margaret Gibbons (Mr Russel Hutcheson)
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	Vacant
Elderly Forum	Mr George Paterson (Vacant)
Local Business Community	Mr Alan Dickson (Vacant)
Youth Forum	Mr John Kean (Vacant)

AGENDA