

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2001

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is (i) to advise the Committee of the grant allocation for 2001/2002; (ii) to advise the Committee of grants spend for the last two financial years; and (iii) to provide the Committee with an opportunity of setting local priorities for grant funding within their area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At the Policy and Resources meeting held on 22 February 2001, the Council agreed to maintain the percentage allocation based on the existing range of indicators detailed below and the Local Committee allocation for the Northern Area Local Committee for 2001/2002 is £18,234:-

- population;
- deprivation;
- non-urban programme designation;
- elderly; and
- clothing grants.

3. SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES

- 3.1** One of the prime responsibilities of Local Committees is setting local issues, priorities and opportunities and ensure that Council services respond accordingly.
- 3.2** Local Committees can of course, in accordance with Council policy and conditions of grant, spend the grant allocation as they consider appropriate. Local Committees can deal with each application on its merits and based on the information provided under the assessment process. However, in setting local priorities, Local Committees through their community grant funding have an opportunity to support the activities of voluntary organisations and community groups which the Committee considers best support proposals to address local priorities.
- 3.3** To assist Local Committees in their consideration of this issue, a breakdown of community grants spend for the last two financial years is detailed within the Appendix to this report which will allow Local Committees to reflect on their priorities for spend for this year.

3.4 Given the last grant applications to be considered this financial year were determined in the previous item, a re-calculation of the categories in the table 2000/2001 in the Appendix to this report will be completed by the Administrative Officer in attendance prior to consideration of local priorities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Any community grant awarded will require to be met from the total financial allocation for 2001/2002 being £18,234.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2001/2002 is £18,234;
- (ii) consider setting local priorities for the forthcoming financial year; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2001****COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1999/2000 AND 2000/2001****FINAL POSITIONS**

	1999/2000	
ANNUAL BUDGET	£17,718.00	
<u>CATEGORY</u>	VALUE OF GRANT PAID IN 1999/2000	% OF BUDGET
Accident/Crime Prevention	-	-
Awards/Prizes	£100.00	N/A
Conservation/History	£850.00	5%
Community Councils	£2,100.00	12%
Disability	£1,272.50	7%
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Information and Advice	-	-
Leisure Activities	£810.00	5%
Music	-	-
Older People	-	-
Poverty & Disadvantage	-	-
Pre-Fives	£331.96	2%
Sport	£700.00	4%
Tenants/Residents Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Voluntary Organisation Support (Community Associations)	£4,000.00	22%
Women (including Lone Parents)	-	-
Young People	£7,553.54	43%
TOTAL	£17,718.00	100%

	2000/2001	
ANNUAL BUDGET	£17,703.00	
<u>CATEGORY</u>	VALUE OF GRANTS PAID IN 2000/2001 (UP TO 24/1/01)	% OF BUDGET
Arts and Cultural	£274.00	2%
Community Association	-	-
Community Councils	-	-
Community Safety	-	-
Disability	£2,139.50	12%
Early Education & Childcare	£573.00	3%
Economic Development	-	-
Environmental	-	-
Ethnic Minorities	-	-
Health Issues	-	-
Heritage	£950.00	5%
Leisure Activities	£455.00	3%
Older People	£225.00	1%
Social Inclusion	£235.60	1%
Sport	£3,142.00	18%
Tenants/Residents' Groups	-	-
Unemployment	-	-
Women's Issues	£240.00	1%
Young People	£1,350.00	8%
TOTAL	£9,584.10	54%
BALANCE	£8,118.90	46%

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AGENDA