

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2002

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the process which determines the route of all Local Committee Community Grant applications.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Committee, at their meeting held on 23 January 2002 raised concerns regarding Grants coming before the Local Committee for determination which, in their view, may have been better placed before a Service Committee for determination.

3. EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL GRANTS

- 3.1 The Council operates a "one door approach" for grant applications whereby all applications are lodged and registered with the Administration Section before being sent for processing to the appropriate Department and thereafter to the relevant Committee for determination. Officers from Service Departments are consulted to identify the route bearing in mind the undernoted criteria.
- 3.2 The Local Committee Community Grants Scheme is intended to give grant assistance to any constituted local voluntary organisation for activities/projects that are in the interests of the local area.
- 3.3 Each Service Committee (Community Services, Education, Social Work, Housing and Policy and Resources) also have a budget for consideration of grant applications which provide a service locally or nationally on an East Ayrshire wide basis.
- 3.4 Accordingly when an application is received which benefits only one Local Committee area, this application is placed before that Local Committee for determination.
- 3.5 Likewise, when an application is received which covers the whole of the East Ayrshire area and, dependent upon the function and activity of the organisation/grant requested, it is placed before the relevant Service Committee for determination.

4. CROSS BOUNDARY GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 4.1** It is recognised that some organisations benefit more than one Local Committee area within East Ayrshire and therefore there will be more than one Local Committee involved in determining the amount of grant to be given.
- 4.2** When this is the case, if the grant is for an activity/project which benefits 5 or less Local Committees, then it is placed before each Local Committee for determination. The split is based on how many persons from each area would benefit from the grant and relevant membership information is given to the Local Committees to show the link which the group has with each area.
- 4.3** Where the area covered is more than 5 Local Committee areas it is viewed as an East Ayrshire wide application and the application is therefore sent to the relevant Service Committee for determination.

5. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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21 February 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on (01563) 576135.

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AGENDA