

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE 30 APRIL 2001

STEWARTON YOUTH, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Local Committee on the development of the Youth, Environment and Health group

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Stewarton Environment and Health group was developed from successful youth provision operating in the Stewarton Community Centre

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 With support from Community Education, a group of young people from Stewarton successfully applied for a grant of £380 from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board. The grant was for a "Healthy Living Project " based on cycling and the Stewarton environment.

- 3.2 The project has been funded to offer two aspects

- Hiring a qualified mechanic to take the young people through a six week course in cycle repair and maintenance. This course will begin in June and will also involve health and safety issues of cycling, safe routes from housing areas to the youth centre and an audit of danger areas for cyclists in Stewarton
- Planning and undertaking an off road cycling trip during the summer

- 3.3 The planned timescale for this project is from May to July this year and young people will be involved throughout the process, including raising and managing the funding and planning the activities

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 This group is offering an increased range of choices for participation by young people in the local area through the planning and organisation of a programme of negotiated activities funded through a Health Board Grant and supported by the Community Education Service. The opportunities are complementary to those available through the strategies of the Council.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Members of the Northern Area Local Committee:

- (i) note the progress that has been made by this youth initiative; and
- (ii) otherwise note the report which highlights commitment to supporting community groups in their own communities.

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3 May 2001

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AGENDA