

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 15 MAY 2002

ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUNDING

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Local Committee about the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Funding received from the Scottish Executive to establish additional essential skills services for people with literacy and numeracy difficulties.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2001 The Scottish Executive Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning launched the Adult Literacy Teams Report "Adult Literacy and Numeracy in Scotland".
- 2.2 A sum of £18.5m new funding to Community Learning Partnerships was given to improve literacy and numeracy in line with the recommendations of the report.
- 2.3 The allocation to East Ayrshire Council between 2001-2004 is £654,555.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Community Learning Partnership received proposals for funding for the financial year 2002/2003. Out of the twenty proposals funding was allocated to the undernoted organisations to take forward literacy and numeracy services.

- Ayr College
- Cumnock New Community School
- East Ayrshire Council Training Development Team
- Council for Voluntary Organisations / Local Volunteer Development Agency
- Library Services
- Kilmarnock College
- Allies and Blue Triangle
- East Ayrshire Council / Kilmarnock College (for adults with learning disabilities)
- Park School
- Support to Communities

A number of these projects will work directly with learners across East Ayrshire and residents of local communities will benefit.

- 3.4** Specifically, in relation to Support for Communities a base will be established for essential skills that will be a resource facility for learners, volunteers and partner agencies throughout East Ayrshire.
- 3.6** The Project Team will work closely on an outreach basis with existing Support to Communities staff and partners to promote and deliver essential skills. The team will recruit volunteers and provide their ongoing support and development.

4. FINANCIAL/LLEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The service developments outlined in this report will be met from adult literacy and numeracy funding allocated from the Scottish Executive.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA