

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 1 NOVEMBER 2000**

**PERIOD 31 OCTOBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2000**

### **REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

#### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To advise the Local Committee of the consultation phase of the review of decision making structures and arrangements within the Council; and seeking its views thereon.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Following the McIntosh Commission's recommendations, the Scottish Executive appointed 2 Advisory Panels:

- (a) the Leadership Advisory Panel (The McNish Committee), with the following remit:
- to validate the review of decision-making structures being undertaken by Councils;
  - to validate the manner in which the review is being carried out; and
  - to look at Councils' progress in implementing the findings of the review.
- (b) the renewing Local Democracy Panel (The Kerley Committee) with the following remit:
- to make Councils more attractive and representative;
  - to look at the number of Members per Council and the size of Councils;
  - electoral systems; and
  - remuneration of Councillors.

- 2.2** This has resulted in the Council carrying out a review of its decision making structure.

- 2.3** The Policy and Resources Committee at the meeting held on 5 October 2000, agreed, among other things, the consultation process and the consultative document in relation to the review.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1** The consultative document (attached as an Appendix to this report) has been advertised through the media in East Ayrshire, circulated to Community Councils, Local Committee Representatives and named Substitutes and is available in all Council Offices and Libraries. It is also accessible on the Council's website.
- 3.2** This report, together with the consultation document, has been circulated to all Local Committee Representatives and named Substitutes with a request that they consult with their local organisations prior to this meeting to enable them to bring their organisation's views on the consultative document to this meeting.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1** That the Local Committee express its views on the issues contained within the consultative document on decision making structures in East Ayrshire.

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

10 October 2000

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report of the McIntosh Committee.
2. Report of a Reviewing Local Democracy Group.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number (01563) 576135. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on telephone number (01563) 576103.

**Implementation Officer: Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.**

**NB Copy of consultation document available on Public Information Section of the Council's web site.**

**AGENDA**