

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2002

EDUCATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2002/2003

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Northern Area Local Committee of the criteria for funding Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2002/2003 by the Education Committee.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Voluntary Sector Grants are considered in the following categories:

- Education voluntary sector grants to assist voluntary and community based groups to develop and deliver community based projects;
- Adult education childcare grants for childcare support to adult education initiatives;

- 2.2 In both categories of grants, applicants are expected to meet a number of requirements. The criteria for awards are :

- where applicants are community groups or voluntary organisations they should have a valid constitution;
- applicants should have or be able to make arrangements for proper accounts to be maintained;
- applicants should have a bank account held in the name of the group or organisation with a minimum of two signatories;
- the work of the organisation should be essentially educational in nature; and
- that the grant aid expenditure should have clear benefits for East Ayrshire.

- 2.3 Other key criteria to be considered include:

- the grant aid expenditure should contribute to community development;
- the work of the organisation should address one or more strategic issue;
- the grant aided expenditure can contribute to economic regeneration through developing access to employment;

- the grant aided aspect of the work of the organisation is complimentary to the work of Support to Communities;
- the grant aided expenditure assists in training and the development work of the organisation; and
- the grant aided expenditure is part of a broader collaborative strategy with other departments, agencies or services and community organisations.

Where funding is sought for out of school care projects the applicant should meet the basic eligibility criteria as cited above and should meet the requirements of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001.

3. GRANTS

- 3.1** The Director of Corporate Resources has confirmed that during the initial assessment, carried out by Corporate Resources, Administration Section, consideration is given to other funding support available within and outwith the Council. Support is offered to community groups and organisations to access the most appropriate source of funding for the purpose of the grant.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The council is committed to funding voluntary bodies who operate within the identified criteria.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS -Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's Core Values, Partnership Agreement and the principles of participation and involvement through Social Inclusion.
- 6.2** Information in this report relates to criteria for grants awarded by the Education Committee, Members of the Local Committee will wish to note that parallel arrangements are in place with other grant awarding service committees.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** Members of the Local Committee are asked to:

- (i) note the contents of the report.

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 12 August 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA