

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 15 JANUARY 2004

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To invite the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Council's Decentralisation Scheme makes provision for Local Committees to involve their local communities in their decision-making process by inviting appropriate Local Committee organisations to nominate up to 10 representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representatives, together with Named Substitutes.
- 2.2** Local Committees will review the community organisation sector representatives on an annual basis. The review will be subject to requirements specified in the Decentralisation Scheme but at least one Community Representative should be drawn from each of the "core" community organisation sectors, namely:- Community Councils and the local elderly, disability and youth forums (or equivalent organisations).
- 2.3** In accordance with the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, Community Representative's appointments should terminate on 31 March each successive year. Fresh nominations are required from organisations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve for a period of one year commencing on 1 April each year.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** Having regard to the provisions set out pertaining to community organisation representation on Local Committees, the current Community Representatives, including Named Substitutes for this Committee are as detailed in Appendix 1 hereto.
- 3.2** The current Community Representatives "period of appointment" is due to expire on 31 March 2004. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Committee should now review the present community organisation representation and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the coming year.

3.3 The Administration Manager has been approached by the Chairperson of the newly established Southcraigs & Dean Community Council expressing a desire to be represented on the Local Committee. As Members will be aware, there is no vacancy on the Local Committee for another organisation to be represented (bearing in mind the “core” community organisation sectors detailed above) and this is an issue which the Local Committee will need to consider when determining community organisation representation.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee:-

- (i) note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) review community organisation representation to this Local Committee; and
- (iii) remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Putting the Community First - Decentralisation Scheme.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should telephone Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer

APPENDIX 1

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: CURRENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES)</u>
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Mr Jim Miller (Mrs Barbara Wiseman)
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Ashley Bell (Mrs Rhoda Gourlay)
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Russel Hutcheson (Ms May McMillan)
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Mrs Jean Brown (vacant)
Stewarton & District Community Council	Mr Iain Finlayson (Mrs Mary White)
Community/Residents Association	Mr Charles Lindsay (Mr Alistair Thomson)
Disability Forum	Mrs Fiona Andrew (Mr Jerry Lee)
Elderly Forum	Vacant
Church Forum	Ms Catherine Spicer (Ms Ismay McKenzie)
Youth Forum	Ms Suzanne Leggatte (Ms Moya Farrell)

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