

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 20 February 2003

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND (BNSF) – COMMUNITY BASED YOUTH JUSTICE PROPOSALS

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Policy and Resources Committee on the success of the Council's Community Based Youth Justice proposal linked to the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) pathfinder area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Policy and Resources Committee of 28 November 2002, Members were advised that East Ayrshire Council was one of four Local Authorities selected by the Scottish Executive to bid to undertake a community based youth justice pilot, linked to the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) pathfinder area.
- 2.2 Members were also advised that an outline proposal was required to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 29 November 2002, with a further more detailed proposal to be submitted no later than the 31 March 2003. As such, the Committee recommended that the Depute Chief Executive, in consultation with partner agencies, relevant Local Members and the Chair of Policy and Resources, be remitted to submit the necessary documentation to the Executive.

3. COMMUNITY BASED YOUTH JUSTICE PILOT – EAST AYRSHIRE'S PROPOSAL

- 3.1 East Ayrshire's proposal was submitted on 29 November 2002 and the Scottish Executive advised the Council on 7 January 2003 of the success of this submission.
- 3.2 The success of this proposal brings an additional £300,000, to be utilised within the designated BNSF pathfinder area and during the life of the main BNSF programme. The proposal submitted to the Executive sets out a skeletal programme of work developed in tandem with our community planning partners. Topics to be covered include, pilot Youth Crime Diversion Projects, Schools Truancy Work, and Innovative Learning Programmes for Young People.
- 3.3 The Council now requires to submit a more detailed proposal to the Executive by the 31 March 2003 and officers are currently working to prepare this

submission, in partnership with the Council's community planning partners. The content of this proposal will include:

- identification of specific outcome(s) to be achieved with the funding, relevant to the Executive's aims for tackling youth crime, together with appropriate indicators and baseline information;
- confirmation of budget information;
- justification as to how the project will link to/add value to the overall outcomes of the BNSF local outcome agreement;
- evidence that the proposal has been put together in consultation with Community Planning Partnerships/Community Safety Partnerships and the active engagement of relevant communities; and
- evidence that the proposal fits with any Executive funded Quality of Life initiatives and Community Safety activities in the neighbourhoods.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Executive has advised that £122,500 of the additional funding will be released on 26 March 2003, as part of the Council's Revenue Support Grant.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

6.1 The Policy and Resources committee is asked to:

- i) note the success of East Ayrshire's Community Based Youth Justice outline bid proposal;
- ii) agree to remit the Depute Chief Executive, in consultation with partner agencies, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and the four Local Members to prepare and submit the finalised proposal to the Executive by 31 March 2003; and
- iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter from Scottish Executive dated 13 November 2002 enclosing background paper on Community-Based Youth Justice
East Ayrshire's Youth Justice bid submission dated 28 November 2002, submitted to Scottish Executive, 29 November 2003
Scottish Executive's letter dated 7 January 2003 advising the Council on the success of the submission

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