

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 22 FEBRUARY 2002**

MATCH-FUND BUDGET

**REPORT BY DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
RESOURCES**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the first year (2001/2002) of operation of the Match-Fund, to seek approval to fully utilise the budget and to recommend its implementation for the financial year 2002/2003.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 April 2001, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended that a new match-funding budget of £50,540 be created in the financial year 2001/2002 for use for projects throughout the whole of East Ayrshire.
- 2.2 The Policy and Resources Committee would administer this budget.
- 2.3 The budget was created to lever in external funding for East Ayrshire, prioritised in those areas with the greatest need (in terms either of tackling poverty and deprivation, or securing the priorities of the council plan.)
- 2.4 In addition, the fund was to be used as a last resort where other options for match-funding had been exhausted.

3 MATCH-FUND AWARDS

- 3.1 The Policy and Resources Committee agreed at its meeting on 4 October 2001 to award £29,500 to 4 projects. In addition, at its meeting on 16 October 2001, the Emergency Powers Committee agreed an award of £10,000 to The Dairy Project at Newmilns. A list of these awards is contained in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Approval is sought to make an award of £11,040 to the Ayrshire Electronic Community (AEC) project that will lever in European Regional Development Funding. This project will allow the creation of an e-community development, and extend the AEC project during its transition towards a new social enterprise model. The project will establish employment for 12 fulltime staff and 11 Apprentices; an Information Communications Technology (ICT) support capacity for 120 centres, 300 individual access points and 300 SME companies. It will also provide access to ICT job opportunities with an estimated 93 new jobs being generated. A summary of the project is included at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 If the AEC project is approved, it will be noted that this level of investment by the council in these 6 projects will secure almost £1,435,000 for local projects and initiatives, that otherwise, would not be available to the area.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The award detailed at Section 3.2 can be fully met from the balance of the Match-Fund budget.
- 4.2 Contained within the council's 2002/2003 budget is provision of £50,540 for the continuation of the match-fund.

5 POLICY/LLEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no policy/legal implications arising from this report.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The committee is asked to;
 - 1. Approve the award of £11,040 to the AEC project;
 - 2. Approve the allocation of £50,540 for the Match-Fund 2002/2003, and otherwise;
 - 3. Note the contents of this report.

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28 January 2002

List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 - List of Projects Supported by the Match-Fund

Appendix 2 - Summary of Ayrshire Electronic Community ERDF Application

APPENDIX 1

Match-Fund Applications: 2001/2002

Budget: £50,540

Group Name	Description of Project	Amount Awarded £k	Funding Levered (external) £k	Comments
The Dairy Project, Newmilns	New build youth centre	10	170	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Executive £80k confirmed
Cluarankwai Judo - Kilmarnock	Extension of Club Building to West of Scotland Performance Centre	10	275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding decisions from SportScotland and Sports Arts Foundation expected in Nov 2001 Group are putting in £29k of own funds Non-recurring revenue project
Public Health Capacity Project	Public Health Co-ordinator	3.5	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council must provide match-funding in order to secure this post This is a recurring revenue post for 3 years. Match Fund can only allocate 1 year.
East Ayrshire Womens Aid	Domestic Abuse Worker	13	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council must provide match-funding in order to secure this post This is a recurring revenue post for 2 years. Match Fund can only allocate 1 year.
Darvel Improvement Group	Cost for a feasibility study for a heritage centre	3	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding levered from Scottish Enterprise Non-recurring revenue project
		<u>39.5</u>	<u>483.5</u>	

Approval Sought

Group Name	Description of Project	Amount Sought £k	Funding Levered (external) £k	Comments
Ayrshire Electronic Community		11	952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has a total value of £1,9 million. The £11 k is in addition to a council capital contribution of £355 k.

AGENDA