

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2001**

#### **NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK CHALLENGE FUND**

##### **Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

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

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of Policy and Resources Committee of applications for funding from the North West Challenge fund which is available to support initiatives with young people in the North West Kilmarnock area and to seek agreement on awards from this fund.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Members will recall that the Policy and Resources Committee of 19 September 2000 agreed to make £50,000 available for young people aged between 12 and 25 years in the North West area of Kilmarnock.
- 2.2** Within the Council budget for 2000/2001 the sum of £50,000 has been continued and is available for consideration for further commitment in relation to fresh projects designed to combat potential disadvantage, targeting issues identified by young people.

### **3 REPORT**

- 3.1** Applications have been received that are consistent with the criteria for funding.
- 3.2** Bids received are detailed in Appendix 1.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1** The total value of the initiatives detailed at Appendix 1 is £25,395. Total Officers recommendations are £25,205. Awards to this level would result in a balance of £24,795 remaining.

### **4 LEGAL/ POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil**

### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members of Policy and Resources Committee:

- i) Consider the projects detailed at Appendix 1 and agree funding;  
and

ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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12 February 2001

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Applications for funding 2001/2002
2. Officers Assessments of applications

<u>Project Name and Purpose</u>	Officers Comments	Value of bid	Officer Rec
<p><u>North West Youth Project Building upgrade</u></p> <p>To upgrade the Youth Project building as part of a phased initiative to include kitchen, upgraded for drop in non alcohol bar, interior and exterior refurbishment and the provision of a computer learning suite</p>	<p>This project is well supported locally. The building is well used but requires upgrade. Links have been made with the Councils External Funding Officer and other potential finding partners for advice and assistance</p>	<p>Total £15,000</p>	<p><b>£15,000</b></p>
<p><u>Detached Youth Work Project</u></p> <p>Working from the youth project in North wets Kilmarnock this proposal seeks to make contact with young people who do not or cannot use existing facilities, working on the streets 3 nights per week to establish contact and encourage young people to develop an understanding of the issues that affect their lives</p>	<p>This project seeks to employ two detached youth workers for 6 months to establish contact and in conjunction with young people assess local need . Many young people accessing the existing project are socially excluded due to unemployment and low income. This application seeks to extend the range of opportunities available to young people in the area</p>	<p>Total £8757</p>	<p><b>£8,757</b></p>
<p><u>Altonhill Girls Group</u></p> <p>This application seeks to offer an addition range of activity to an existing well supported group of young women who meet regularly to consider their self</p>	<p>The group meet two hours each week with a current membership of 15 girls. Many for low income families. this initiative would support a drama opportunity using the theme</p>		

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worth, improve their confidence and support each other to take control of their lives. Funding is sought for drama workshops and attendance at a drama production	'a girls life in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century'. A trained drama worker would support the group to explore issues and work towards a drama performance.	Total £948	<b>£948</b>
<u>Knockinlaw Youth group</u>  There are two aspects to this application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- funding for a 3 night residential experience in Sandylands to support meeting other young people from other areas and to improve the programme of activities for the group; and</li> <li>-</li> <li>- to develop an art project based on the success of a similar project last year which enhanced their meeting place as well as developing the teamwork of the group.</li> </ul>	This is a long established group, many of whom are from low income and unemployed families with limited opportunity for residential experience. Application includes food costs.  This request is a direct response to the success and enjoyment of participation in a similar project last year. Application includes costs of paint and tutor support for the project.	£390  £300  Total £690	<b>£200</b> for transport and accommodation only  <b>£300</b>  <b>Total £500</b>

<b>AGENDA</b>
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