

# **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 5 APRIL 2001**

### **AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

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

- 1.1** To invite the Committee to consider the background, aims and objectives, and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** As an annual process, the Policy and Resources Committee consider all Service Department and Council affiliations.
- 2.2** In order to consider the affiliations as a strategic package, all Departments have been requested to submit their recommendations for 2001/2002. The requests for affiliations are outlined in Appendix I.
- 2.3** With respect of the affiliations which fall within the remit of the Development Services Department, approval has already been given by the Special Development Services Committee held on 6 March 2001.

#### **3. EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AFFILIATIONS**

- 3.1** Previously, affiliations were not considered until later in the year to ensure all applications, seeking affiliation of the Council, were confirmed. This resulted, in some cases, in Departments not receiving correspondence, documentation etc, from organisations until affiliations were paid. This year affiliations could be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, in principle, taking account of applications that have not been confirmed, and ensuring that Directors have included the estimated cost in their budget.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The appended list includes fees and where available information on venue and frequency of meetings as this would have financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2** The recommending Service Department would normally be responsible for payment of the affiliation and have confirmed that they are able to pay for the affiliations within existing budgets.

4.3 Where affiliations are corporate, the costs will be allocated across the benefiting Departments.

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Where appropriate, Service Departments would seek the necessary legal advice.

## 6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The purpose of submitting the affiliations as a whole package is to ensure that the Council can consider the relative merits of all affiliations in relation to Council Strategies and Policies.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is asked to agree:-

- (i) to consider the applications, in principle, as detailed in Appendix I; and
- (ii) that the appropriate Departments make payment of the affiliation fees to those approved Organisations.

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### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Various requests and invoices from organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer, on Telephone Number (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

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1	National Association of Councillors	Represent interest of Members of Local Authorities throughout Britain.	£300	Cllr Kelly	10 times per year	£300	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.
2	Scottish Local Government Information Unit	Provides information on a wide range of Local Government issues.	£2,474	Cllr E Jackson & Cllr Walsh	2-3 times per year	£2,490	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.
3	Baby Milk Action Group	A non profit making organisation which aims to halt the commercial practice of bottle feeding and to promote good infant nutrition.	£30	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£30	The Council has recently secured funding to establish a mobile healthy living centre initiative. It is anticipated that this resource will provide a range of "healthy lifestyle" information, therefore the requirement to fund specific programmes is no longer necessary.

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	Baby Milk Action Group (con't)					Recommendation by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources <u>not</u> to affiliate.
4	Equality Exchange	Membership service offered to employers which aims to support the development of good practice and equal opportunities.	£230	Not Applicable	Various events throughout Scotland, normally once a month.	£240 Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.
5	Women's Forum Scotland	An umbrella organisation for women's groups throughout Scotland.	£30	One Member	Quarterly	£35 Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.
6	Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group	Local group which aims to promote best practice in Health and Safety procedures.	£50	Not Applicable	Monthly	£50 Affiliation recommended by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.

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7	British Association of Adoption and Fostering Agencies	To promote awareness and understanding of adoption and fostering policy and practice provision of direct services and training.	£1,363	Not Applicable	Scottish Committee - quarterly and Ad Hoc service specific meetings for Officers only	£1,935	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
8	Disability Scotland	To address issues relating to individuals with a disability	£77	Not Applicable	Annual Conference	£77	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
9	National Fostering Association	To promote training and support material and events for Social Workers and Foster Carers. To raise public awareness on fostering.	£963	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£931	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
10	Scottish Local Government Forum on Poverty	Campaigning and lobbying for action on poverty providing Councils with common voice to alleviate poverty	£1,240	Cllr Walsh	Bi-monthly and focuses on issues of concern to participating Authorities	£1,240	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
11	Scottish Child Law Centre	Agency for developing policy and practice analysis in child care	£30	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£30	Affiliation recommended by the Director of

		field. Provision of specialist training.					Educational and Social Services.
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12	Social Services Research Group	For exchanging information throughout Councils.	£29	Not Applicable	No full membership meeting - Committee Members only.	£29	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
13	Child Poverty Action Group	Updates on anti-poverty issues, governmental policy, benefits and income maximisation.	£211	Not Applicable	Quarterly journal and bi-monthly bulletin	£211	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
14	NAPO Associate Membership	Provides parliamentary updates on problems encountered within the probation service in England and Wales.	£25	Not Applicable	Quarterly journal	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
15	BAPSCAN	Information on child protection and child abuse.	£125	Not Applicable	Quarterly journal and invitations to conferences and the notification of training opportunities	£125	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
16	Young Minds Trust	To promote awareness and understanding of mental health needs of children and young	£25	Not Applicable	Bulletin only	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and

		people					Social Services.
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<b>17</b>	Scottish Local Authority Welfare Rights Advisors	A forum for Local Authority Welfare Rights Advisors to exchange information and to promote good practice.	£25	Not Applicable	Quarterly Meetings	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
<b>18</b>	Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland	To provide training courses covering a wide syllabus.	£1,150	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£1,150	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Homes and Technical Services.
<b>19</b>	Scottish Council for Single Homeless	To promote awareness about the courses, nature and extent of single homelessness and identify ways of preventing and alleviating single homelessness.	£96	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£96	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Homes and Technical Services.
<b>20</b>	SHELTER (Scotland)	Aims to eradicate homelessness by pursuing short-term measures and long-term measures to improve housing system.	£500	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£500	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Homes and Technical Services.

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<b>21</b>	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	Promotion of home, water and leisure safety.	£350	Not Applicable	ROSPA provide full support to and attend Community Safety Forum	£350	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Community Services
<b>22</b>	Scottish Accident Prevention Council	Co-ordinates and stimulates the work of accident prevention in Scotland.	£250	Cllr G Smith and J Carmichael	Four times per year. Three hour meetings in Edinburgh.	£250	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Community Services.
<b>23</b>	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Provision of training, education and dissemination of information on environmental issues in Scotland.	£175	Not Applicable	Various Committees meet throughout the year on 9 monthly basis. Technical discussions at Officer level.	£200	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Community Services.

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<b>24</b>	Library Association	To promote awareness and understanding of information and library developments and to encourage best practice.	£408	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£450	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Community Services.
<b>25</b>	Scottish Nuclear Free Authority	Collates information on nuclear issues particularly nuclear weapons and nuclear waste disposal.	£1,421	Chair of Community Services	-	Not recommended	Affiliation <u>not</u> recommended by the Director of Community Services.
<b>26</b>	National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection	Provide information on clean air and contaminated land issues.	£400	Not Applicable		£400	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Community Services.
<b>27</b>	Children in Scotland	Provides information on policy and research, practice development and specialist development area.	£1,862	Not Applicable	12 meetings per year. Discounted rates.	£1,862	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
<b>28</b>	Scottish Childminding Association	Support childminders throughout Scotland.	£100	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	Quarterly meetings + AGM discussing a range of issues relevant to Child Minders.	£100	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.

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<b>29</b>	Scottish Pre-School Play Association	To support registered voluntary playgroups throughout Scotland.	£100	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	AGM and Seminars.	£100	Affiliation <u>not</u> recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
<b>30</b>	Action for Southern Africa	Provides a framework for Local Authorities to play a role in promoting peace and harmony in Southern Africa.	£100	Elected Members are invited to Conferences.	Two Conferences per year.	£100	Affiliation <u>not</u> recommended by the Director of Educational and Social Services.
<b>31</b>	Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum	Professional Officers grouping in urban regeneration.	£100	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	Not recommended	Affiliation <u>not</u> recommended by the Director of Development Services.

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32	Association for Public Service Excellence (formerly known as Association of Direct Labour Organisations)	Association for Public Service Excellence membership consists of 256 local Authorities and associates across the United Kingdom, 32 being Scottish Authorities. The first region in the UK to reach 100% membership. Their aim is to develop and support new legislation and regulations which affect DLOs/DSOs in Local Government. These include Best Value, employment and single status, capital finance and private finance initiatives, performance measuring and benchmarking etc. They also aim to promote DLO/DSO services through Advisory Groups and National Seminars encouraging the best service provision to Local Authorities.	£2,209	Cllr Knapp	20 meetings to cover various forms of representation held within ADLO. The meetings relate to the undernoted Sections:  Direct Services Division; Building Maintenance Division; Transport Division; Highways and Roads Division; National ADLO Meetings; and Scottish ADLO Meetings.	£2,209	Affiliation recommended by the Chief Executive.

