

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 APRIL 2001

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – REQUEST FOR GRANT

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide information on a request for grant received from the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency (LVDA) and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency was established in October 2000 by a group of local organisations to promote and develop volunteering throughout East Ayrshire.
- 2.2** The LVDA is a member of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, the Council of Voluntary Organisations (EA) and Volunteer Development Scotland.
- 2.3** The overall aims and objectives include:
- the promotion and development of volunteering within East Ayrshire
 - the recruitment and referral of volunteers to agencies
 - the contribution to the development and delivery of support and training for volunteers
 - the promotion of good practice in recruiting, training, placing and supporting volunteers and volunteer engagers.

3. GRANT REQUEST

- 3.1** The Scottish Executive, through Volunteer Development Scotland, provides £30,000 per annum for local volunteer development agencies. In financial year 2000/2001, the Scottish Executive provided £20,000 as part year costs to East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency. Match funding from the local authority was provided through £10,000 approved by Policy & Resources Committee on 15 June 2000 and in kind support was agreed by the Council to the sum of £10,750. An additional £5,000 in kind support was awarded by East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership, comprising rent, rates, heating, lighting and telephone.

- 3.2** The grant requested for financial year 2001/2002 is £30,000. The organisation is actively seeking support to meet its required match funding and has made a grant application to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for the sum of £20,000, £10,000 in cash and £10,000 in kind.
- 3.3** The grant application to the Council has been assessed by an officer of the Department of Educational and Social Services.
- 3.4** The grant recommendation for 2001/2002 is £10,000.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The work of East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency supports the Council's partnership approach to working with voluntary organisations and the Council's commitment to Social Inclusion.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The recommended level of grant can be accommodated from within the existing budget.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that a grant of £10,000 be approved for the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application from East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency and support material.

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AGENDA