

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 18 APRIL 2002

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – REQUEST FOR GRANT

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

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. FINANCIAL POSITION 2001/02

- 3.1** In financial year 2001/02 the LVDA incurred an underspend of £4,971 which was due to the delay in appointing staff.

The Scottish Executive allocated additional funding of £10,000 to the LVDA in January 2002 for office and computer equipment and Management Committee training. It is likely that £4,000 of this of this will be returned.

3.2 FINANCIAL POSITION 2002/03

The LVDA financial position in 2002/03 is as follows:

Scottish Executive Grant	£59,500 (£30,000 of which requires to be match funded)
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Match Fund Element

Social Inclusion Partnership	(i) £10,000
	(ii) UP TO £2,000 (in-kind)

Other sources (local business NHS Ayrshire and Arran)	£4,000
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Funding from the Social Inclusion Partnership is agreed and officers of the Council will support the LVDA in its application for funding to other sources. The Council approved a grant of £10,000 last financial year. The grant application for this financial year is £16,000. This is £6,000 more than last year and relates to the increased funding from the Scottish Executive which requires to be matched. The Council approved a grant of £10,000 last financial year.

It is proposed that the Council supports the LVDA by providing a grant of £10,000 cash and £4,000 in-kind contribution. The in kind contribution will be met through officer support.

In the event that the LVDA is unable to secure the deficit of £2,000 then the Council will agree to underwrite up to the £2,000.

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:

- (i) a grant of £10,000, and an in-kind contribution of £4,000 be approved for the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency;
- (ii) the Council underwrite the £2,000 in the event that the LVDA is unable to secure the further match funding; and

(iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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23 March 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104.

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AGENDA