

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 18 APRIL 2002

EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATE

Report By Depute Chief Executive/Director Of Corporate Resources

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To report on the progress made in respect of enquiries from community and voluntary groups within East Ayrshire as they seek to attract external funding.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 4 October 2001, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a report on External Funding, and recommended that a report should be lodged in April 2002 detailing the progress made in respect of enquiries from community and voluntary groups.

3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 Since October 2001, requests for assistance have been received from a further 23 groups, of which 13 have received more substantial help and advice, for example:
- business planning;
 - project development;
 - funder identification, and
 - monitoring & evaluation processes.
- 3.2 In terms of awards made to the voluntary sector since October 2001, three of the thirteen groups have been successful and have received an overall total of approximately £90k;
- Community Hall Management Committee £5k
 - Learning Disabilities Activity Group £4k
 - Youth Centre Project £80k
- 3.3 Out of the thirteen groups receiving ongoing advice and assistance, five of the groups are expected to submit their applications to funders by May 2002. These applications have an approximate total value of £90k.
- Youth Centre Project - £25k
 - 2 Football Clubs £40k
 - Disability Group £5k
 - Play Park £20k

4. EXTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORT

- 4.1 At its meeting of 15 June 2000, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to establish the post of External Funding Support Officer for an initial period of two years.
- 4.2 Members also agreed the post would be subject to extension following a review of performance.
- 4.3 To allow members to consider the continuation, or otherwise of this post a review of performance has commenced and report on the findings will be submitted to the June Corporate Sub-Committee.

5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The committee is asked to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) agree to receive a further report on the performance of the External Funding Support Officer at the June meeting of the Corporate Sub-Committee.

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27 March 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Implementation Officer: Melvin Griffin, External Funding Support Officer (01563
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AGENDA