

-EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 18 APRIL 2002

THE SCOTTISH HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE – REQUEST FOR GRANT

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with information in relation to the grant application made to the Council from the Scottish Human Rights Centre, and to make recommendation accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Human Rights Centre was founded in 1970 and works closely with Local Councillors, MSP's, MP's, statutory bodies and community voluntary organisations, to promote human rights in Scotland through research, advice and public education.

- 2.2 The Scottish Human Rights Centre has received four previous awards from East Ayrshire Council since 1998/99. In 2001/02 the Council awarded £1,200.

3. GRANT REQUESTED

- 3.1 The purpose of the current application is to contribute to the overall running costs of the Scottish Human Rights Centre. The organisation offers a free service, which provides equality of opportunity to all citizens, many of whom have exhausted assistance from all other agencies. In particular, their service is targeted at individuals who have suffered extreme disadvantage as a result of lack of assistance, disability or as a member of a minority group.

- 3.2 The total cost of the project is £82,000. East Ayrshire Council's application is part of a number of submissions to other local authorities. The specific request to East Ayrshire Council is for £1,860.

- 3.3 The assessing officer recommends £1,200, which is in line with previous awards.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended grant can be met from the existing budget held by Policy and Resources Committee.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members of the Policy & Resources Committee are asked to:

- (i) approve a grant of £1,200 to the Scottish Human Rights Centre for 2002/2003, subject to funding from appropriate other local authorities; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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KG/SB
16 March 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application from the Scottish Human Rights Centre and supporting material.

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

AGENDA