

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 10 APRIL 2003

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP (SIP) CORE FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of Communities Scotland's confirmed financial allocation for the Coalfield Area SIP for 2003/04, and of an indicative core budget allocation for 2004/05.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Communities Scotland has responsibility for setting the budget for all of Scotland's 47 SIP's. This year, Communities Scotland has confirmed a financial allocation for East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP of £2,343,123. This is made up as follows:

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Core Budget	2,181,098
Tackling Drugs Misuse	102,025
Community Empowerment	60,000
Total	2,343,123

3. INDICATIVE FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2004/05

- 3.1 Communities Scotland also advised the SIP by letter on 13 February 2003 of an indicative core budget allocation for 2004/05, again of £2,181,098. This indicative allocation has been provided to assist the SIP and its respective Community Planning Partnership to "develop the necessary transitional arrangements by which the SIP programme is integrated into the community planning process".
- 3.2 Firm funding for 2004/05 will be assigned by Communities Scotland on the understanding that it will be used as a transitional period for migration to Community Planning. The SIP and its related Community Planning Partnership will also be obliged to take on board the findings of any evaluations of the SIP, due to be undertaken sometime during 2003. As yet, the SIP has not been advised of the process or timescales for any evaluation.

4. LEGAL/POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to note the total financial award to the SIP for 2003/04 and the indicative core budget allocation for 2004/05.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Communities Scotland Letter of 13 February 2003

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