

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 APRIL 2003

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.
- 2.4** In financial year 2002/2003 the Council awarded a grant of £10,000 and an in-kind contribution of £4,000. The in-kind contribution was met through officer support.

3. GRANT REQUESTED 2003/2004

- 3.1** The grant requested for 2003/2004 is £16,000, £11,000 of which is financial and £5,000 in kind.
- 3.2** The targets set by the organisation as part of it's Annual Plan in 2002/2003 were met. The increased grant application is to meet higher staffing costs.

3.3 The undernoted funding has already been secured:

- Scottish Executive £59,500
- Social Inclusion Partnership - financial £13,000
- in-kind £ 2,000

It is proposed that a financial award of £10,170 is made and an in-kind contribution Of £4,000.

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 met from within the budget available.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) a grant of £10,170, and an in-kind contribution of £4,000 be approved for the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency; and
- (ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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24 March 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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