

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 13 JUNE 2002

### MATCH-FUND BUDGET

#### Report By Depute Chief Executive/Director Of Corporate Resources

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the submissions made to the Match-Fund budget and recommend projects for grant-support.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 February 2002, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed the continuation of the Match-Fund into 2002/2003 with an allocation of £50,540.

## 3 APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Application forms and guidelines for the fund were circulated to departments in March 2002, with a return deadline date of 2 May 2002.

- 3.2 A total of 5 applications were received (one of which was subsequently withdrawn). These projects are listed in Appendix 1. The applications were reviewed by officers from all departments, against a range of criteria:

- the geographic areas targeted;
- Council Plan & Social Inclusion priorities addressed;
- the benefit to young people;
- the exit strategy, and
- the external funds to be levered in.

- 3.3 The following projects are recommended for approval for funding from the 2002/2003 Match-Fund budget.

| <b>Group Name</b>  | <b>Recommend<br/>£k</b> |
|--|-------------------------|
| Domestic Abuse Strategy Implementation Officer (East Ayrshire) | 13                      |
| Womens' Aid Outreach Project (Cumnock and Doon Valley)         | 6                       |
| Irvine Valley Community Link Project                           | 12                      |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b><u>31</u></b>        |

- 3.4 It will be noted that this level of investment by the council will secure almost £159,000 for local projects and initiatives, that otherwise, would not be available to the area.

- 3.5 It is anticipated that there will be a further round of applicants for consideration at a future Policy and Resources Committee.

#### **4 ADMINISTRATION OF THE MATCH-FUND**

- 4.1 Currently, applications to the Match-Fund are received by the External Funding Support Officer on a customised application form. This was an appropriate method during the initiation period of the Fund, however it is now intended that the Match-Fund process be integrated with the Council's existing 'one-door' approach to grant-making.
- 4.2 It is therefore proposed that applications to the Match-Fund, from June 2002 onwards, are made on the Council's standard Grant Application Form, and that all usual administration procedures are followed in this regard. Assessment by the cross-departmental group of officers will continue along with submission of recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee.

#### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The revenue, for the projects recommended for approval at section 3.3, can be met from existing resources.

#### **6 POLICY/LEGAL/IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no policy/legal implications arising from this report.

#### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The committee is asked to:
- i) approve the recommendations made in this report on projects to receive grant support from the Match-Fund budget, as detailed at section 3.3;
  - ii) request that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources makes the necessary arrangements to place the Match-Fund within the existing Administration Services' arrangements for the management of Grant Applications, and;
  - iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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**7 June 2002**

#### **List of Background Papers**

Appendix 1 - Applications for Match-Fund – first round May 2002

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Match-Fund Applications: 2002/2003**  
**Budget: £50,540**

**RECOMMENDED PROJECTS**

| Project  | Description of Project  | Amount Requested<br>£k | Total Cost<br>£k | True Leverage | Recommend<br>£k | Comments   |
|--|---|------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Domestic Abuse Strategy Implementation Officer       | To take forward the work of the East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Forum and Strategy                         | 13                     | 51               | 29            | 13              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a recurring revenue project. The match fund can only be utilised for 1 year.</li> </ul>                                 |
| Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid Outreach Project | To provide support, advice and guidance to women and children fleeing domestic violence in rural areas/ | 11                     | 46               | 29            | 6               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The group has been advised of a range of external funding bodies to which further funding applications will be made.</li> </ul> |
| Irvine Valley Community Link Project                 | The development of an off road spinal route for walkers and cyclists.                                   | 15                     | 130              | 101           | 12              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to final decisions from external funders</li> </ul>   |
|  |   | <b>39</b>              | <b>227</b>       | <b>159</b>    | <b>31</b>       |  |

**OTHER APPLICATIONS**

| Project                                       | Description of Project  | Amount Requested<br>£k | Total Cost<br>£k | True Leverage | Recommend<br>£k | Comments  |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Kilmarnock Football Club – Kick About Project | Provision of football coaching with integral anti-drugs message to local schools in Kilmarnock. | 4                      | 15               | 0             | 0               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The application is for continuation funding to extend the project from 6 months to 10 months. No leverage is obtained. Recommend for consideration by Educational and Social Services Dept through NOF – PE &amp; Sport in Schools Programme.</li> </ul> |

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**AGENDA**