

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 4 MAY 2000

AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Report by the Director of Corporate Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to consider the background, aims and objectives, and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As an annual process, the Policy and Resources Committee consider all Service Department and Council affiliations.
- 2.2 In order to consider the affiliations as a strategic package, all Departments have been requested to submit their recommendations for 2000/2001. The requests for affiliations are outlined in Appendix I.

3. EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AFFILIATIONS

- 3.1 Previously, affiliations were not considered until later in the year to ensure all applications, seeking affiliation of the Council, were confirmed. This resulted, in some cases, in Departments not receiving correspondence, documentation etc, from organisations until affiliations were paid. This year affiliations could be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, in principle, taking account of applications that have not been confirmed, and ensuring that Directors have included the estimated cost in their budget.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The appended list includes fees and where available information on venue and frequency of meetings as this would have financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2 The recommending Service Department would normally be responsible for payment of the affiliation and have confirmed that they are able to pay for the affiliations within existing budgets.
- 4.3 Where affiliations are corporate, the costs will be allocated across the benefiting Departments.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Where appropriate, Service Departments would seek the necessary legal advice.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The purpose of submitting the affiliations as a whole package is to ensure that the Council can consider the relative merits of all affiliations in relation to Council Strategies and Policies.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** The Committee is asked to agree:-

- (i) to consider the applications, in principle, as detailed in Appendix I; and
- (ii) that the appropriate Departments make payment of the affiliation fees to those approved Organisations.

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Director of Corporate Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Various requests and invoices from organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer, on Telephone Number (01563) 576135. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration on Telephone Number (01563) 576153.

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AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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National Association of Councillors	Represent interest of Members of Local Authorities throughout Britain.	£300	Cllr Kelly	10 times per year	£300	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Corporate Services
Scottish Local Government Information Unit	Provides information on a wide range of Local Government issues.	£2,474	Cllr E Jackson & Cllr Walsh	2-3 times per year	£2,474	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Corporate Services.
Baby Milk Action Group	A non profit making organisation which aims to halt the commercial practice of bottle feeding and to promote good infant nutrition.	£30	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£30	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Corporate Services.
Equality Exchange	Membership service offered to employers which aims to support the development of good practice and equal opportunities.	£230	Not Applicable	Various events throughout Scotland, normally once a month.	£230	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Corporate Services.
Women's Forum Scotland	An umbrella organisation for women's groups throughout Scotland.	£30	One Member	Quarterly meetings	£30	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Corporate Services.

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Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group	Local group which aims to promote best practice in Health and Safety procedures.	£50	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£50	Affiliation recommended by th Director of Corporal Services.
British Association of Adoption and Fostering Agencies	To promote awareness and understanding of adoption and fostering policy and practice provision of direct services and training.	£1,100	Not Applicable	Scottish Committee - quarterly and Ad Hoc service specific meetings for Officers only	£1,363	Affiliation recommended by th Director of Soci Work.
Disability Scotland	To address issues relating to individuals with a disability	£77	Not Applicable	Annual Conference	£77	Affiliation recommended by th Director of Soci Work.
National Fostering Association	To promote training and support material and events for Social Workers and Foster Carers. To raise public awareness on fostering.	£559	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£963	Affiliation recommended by th Director of Soci Work.
Scottish Local Government Forum on Poverty	Campaigning and lobbying for action on poverty providing Councils with common voice to alleviate poverty	£1,240	Cllr Walsh	Bi-monthly and focuses on issues of concern to participating Authorities	£1,240	Affiliation recommended by th Director of Soci Work.

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Scottish Child Law Centre	Agency for developing policy and practice analysis in child care field. Provision of specialist training.	£30	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£30	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Social Work.
Social Services Research Group	For exchanging information throughout Councils.	£29	Not Applicable	No full membership meeting - Committee Members only.	£29	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Social Work.
Child Poverty Action Group	Updates on anti-poverty issues, governmental policy, benefits and income maximisation.		Not Applicable	Quarterly journal and bi-monthly bulletin	£211	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work
NAPO Associate Membership	Provides parliamentary updates on problems encountered within the probation service in England and Wales.		Not Applicable	Quarterly journal	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work
National Homecare Council					£90	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work.
BAPSCAN	Information on child protection and child abuse.		Not Applicable	Quarterly journal and invitations to conferences & the notification of training	£125	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work.

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Young Minds Trust	To promote awareness and understanding of mental health needs of children and young people		Not Applicable	Bulletin only	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work.
Scottish Local Authority Welfare Rights Advisors	A forum for Local Authority Welfare Rights Advisors to exchange information and to promote good practice.		Not Applicable	Quarterly Meetings	£25	Affiliation recommended by the Depute Director Social Work.
Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland	To provide training courses covering a wide syllabus.	£1,150	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£1,150	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Home and Technic Services.
Scottish Council for Single Homeless	To promote awareness about the causes, nature and extent of single homelessness and identify ways of preventing and alleviating single homelessness.	£96	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£96	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Home and Technic Services.
SHELTER (Scotland)	Aims to eradicate homelessness by pursuing short-term measures and long-term measures to improve	£500	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£500	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Home and Technic Services.

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Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	Promotion of home, water and leisure safety.	£350	Not Applicable	ROSPA provide full support to and attend Community Safety Forum	£350	Affiliation recommended by th Director Community Service
Scottish Accident Prevention Council	Co-ordinates and stimulates the work of accident prevention in Scotland.	-	Cllr G Smith and J Carmichael	Four times per year. Three hour meetings in Edinburgh.	£250	Affiliation recommended by th Director Community Service
Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Provision of training, education and dissemination of information on environmental issues in Scotland.	£175	Not Applicable	Various Committees meet throughout the year on 9 monthly basis. Technical discussions at Officer level.	£175	Affiliation recommended by th Director Community Service
Library Association	To promote awareness and understanding of information and library developments and to encourage best practice.	£480	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£408	Affiliation recommended by th Director Community Service
Scottish Nuclear Free Authority		£1,300 estimate	Chair of Community Services		£1,421	Affiliation recommended by th Director Community Service

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National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection	Clean Air Legislation				£400	Affiliation recommended by the Director Community Services.
Children in Scotland	Provides information on policy and research, practice development and specialist development area.	£1,845		12 meetings per year. Discounted rates.	£1,862	Affiliation recommended by the Director Education.
Scottish Childminding Association	Support childminders throughout Scotland.	£80	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	Quarterly meetings + AGM discussing a range of issues relevant to Child Minders.	£100	Affiliation recommended by the Director Education.
Scottish Pre-School Play Association	To support registered voluntary playgroups throughout Scotland.	£80	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	AGM and Seminars.	£100	Affiliation recommended by the Director Education.
Action for Southern Africa	Provides a framework for Local Authorities to play a role in promoting peace and harmony in Southern Africa.	£100	Elected Members are invited to Conferences.	Two Conferences per year.	£100	Affiliation recommended by the Director Education.
British Standards Institute	Membership is required for the Roads Division to receive information.	£575 (exc. VAT)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£575	Affiliation recommended by the Director of Development Services.

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Coalfield Communities Campaign	All party association of 90 Local Authorities supporting the economic generation of mining and former mining areas.	£2,463	Cllr T Farrell and J Kelly	Quarterly and others. Discussions on policy issues.	£2,463	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
Scottish Civic Trust	A national charitable Trust which has the conservation of Scotland's building environment heritage as its central objectives.	£300	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings.	£300	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
Scottish Council (Development and Industry)	An independent membership based organisation principally engaged in the promotion of trade and industry in Scotland particularly oversees exports.	£1,484	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	£1,484	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
West Coast Rail 250 Campaign	All party campaign with support from Local Authorities, industry, voluntary organisations and individuals in all areas served by the West Coast Mainline to lobby for the upgrading of track and signal to	£250	Chair of Development Services Committee Sub : Vice-Chair	6 monthly. Discussions on policy issues.	£250	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.

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Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee	A statutory body comprising Local Authorities, consumer organisations and other organisations interested in the customer service provided through Prestwick Airport.	£400	Cllr G Smith Sub: J Kelly	3 monthly. Discussions on policy issues.	£400	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
Scottish Accident Prevention Council (Road Safety Committee)	Organisation to promote issues of road safety.	£288	Cllr Taylor	Monthly meetings	£288	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
Scottish Housing and Town Planning Council	Organisation promoting issues on housing and town planning.	£150	Chair of Housing Committee	Executive Committee 6-8 meetings per year plus annual conference. Discussions on policy issues.	£150	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.
Scottish Association for Public Transport	Organisation promoting issues on public transport.	£50	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£50	Affiliation recommended by th Director Development Services.

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Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum	Professional Officers grouping in urban regeneration.	£100	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings	£100	Affiliation recommended by the Director Development Services.
Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce	Association of businesses and organisations interested in business and economic development issues in Ayrshire.	£500	Not Applicable	Monthly meetings of Board.	£500	Affiliation recommended by the Director Development Services.
Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Officer's Group	Organisation of Local Government Officers interested in economic development.	£250	Not Applicable	Quarterly meetings	£250	Affiliation recommended by the Director Development Services.
Strathclyde Buildings Preservation Trust	Organisation promoting the preservation of listed buildings.	£2,496	Not Applicable	Monthly	£2,496	Affiliation recommended by the Director Development Services.

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Association of Direct Labour Organisations (now known as the Association for Public Service Excellence)	ADLO membership consists of 256 local Authorities and associates across the United Kingdom, 32 being Scottish Authorities. The first region in the UK to reach 100% membership. ADLO's aim is to develop and support new legislation and regulations which affect DLOs/DSOs in Local Government. These include Best Value, employment and single status, capital finance and private finance initiatives, performance measuring and bench marking etc. ADLO also aim to promote DLO/DSO services through Advisory Groups and National Seminars encouraging the best service provision to	£2,538	One Member	20 meetings to cover various forms of representation held within ADLO. The meetings relate to the undernoted Sections: Direct Services Division; Building Maintenance Division; Transport Division; Highways and Roads Division; National ADLO Meetings; and Scottish ADLO Meetings.	£2,209	Affiliation recommended by the Chief Executive.

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