

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 28 MARCH 2000

### NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK YOUTH FUND

#### Report by Director of Education

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of Policy and Resources Committee of progress of the consultation exercise with regard to the fund made available to the North West Kilmarnock area. In addition agreement is sought to award from the Fund.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Member will recall that Policy and Resources Committee agreed to make £50,000 available for young people aged between 12 and 25 years in the North West area of Kilmarnock.
- 2.2 A community conference was arranged on Sunday 12 September 1999 in Onthank Community Education Centre, by a corporate group of officers from community services, social work and development services led by community education to discuss the priorities and ideas for the fund.
- 2.3 A total of 44 invitations were sent to groups and organisations who operate in the area and also to community representatives on the Local Committee. A total of 18 people attended, representing 15 local community organisations. Participants were disappointed to note that no young people attended and following discussions it was agreed that young people must be consulted before confirming ideas for funding.
- 2.4 The conference further identified that for the purposes of the funding the North West area of Kilmarnock would be Onthank, Knockinlaw, Longpark, Wardneuk and Altonhill

#### 3. REPORT

- 3.1 The issues identified at the community conference as relevant and important, both in societal and local terms included:
- Drugs and alcohol
  - Poverty
  - Lack of motivation
  - Housing
  - Unemployment

- Recreational opportunities
- Crime
- Lack of confidence
- Stigma of living in North West Area

**3.2** A number of ideas were discussed including a drama project, a drugs outreach project, a social education project for new tenants, an environment project and resources for existing youth groups.

**3.3** In recognition of the need to consult more fully with young people a survey was co-ordinated in local youth groups, in schools and on the street in order that a range of young people are consulted. A total of 160 young people were consulted. The survey showed that young people were supportive of the issues identified at the community conference. (Copies of the survey are available in the members library).

**3.4** A second community conference was held on 22 February 2000 to confirm the projects which had been identified and to present the findings of the survey. A final opportunity was also taken to co-ordinate bids.

**3.5** Bids received are detailed in Appendix 1.

**3.6** Funding of £12,000 for a Drama Project was agreed at Policy and Resources meeting on 2 December 1999. This project, delivered by the Scottish Youth Theatre, offered a number of taster courses in 4 venues across the North West Kilmarnock area and invited the participants, who wished to progress, to attend a course in Drama in the North West Youth Project in Onthank.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The total value of the initiatives detailed at Appendix 1, totals £90,897. The original budget of £50,000 now stands at £38,000 following the allocation to the Drama Project. Officers recommendations take account of the priorities identified by the initial conference and the opportunities available for funding from other sources; recommendations total £38,000.

## **5 LEGAL/ POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil**

## **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members of Policy and Resources Committee:

- i) Consider the projects and agree funding;
- ii) Invite the Director of Education to report on progress of the projects at a future meeting ; and

iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

John Mulgrew  
Director of Education  
3 March 2000

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Survey Results
2. Committee Report to Policy and Resources Committee – 2 December 1999



## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : BIDS RECEIVED

<u>Project Name and Purpose</u>	<u>Partners</u>	<u>Officers Comments</u>	<u>Value of bid</u>	<u>Officer Rec</u>
<u>Youth Project Building upgrade</u> To brick the exterior and panel the interior of the existing wooden panelled youth project building.	North West Youth Project	This project received local support. The building is well used and of limited life in its present condition.	<b>Total £15,000</b>	£15,000
<u>Resources for Youth Work</u> Purchase of arts and crafts materials  Start up costs  Employing an arts worker and upgrade to entrance of centre/pool playing area  Purchasing new CD Player  Repair to disco unit and purchase of games  Purchase of equipment for all youth groups in Altonhill Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longpark Black Knights Club</li> <li>• New Longpark Senior Club</li> <li>• Knockinlaw Youth Group</li> <li>• Knockinlaw Disco Dancers</li> <li>• Knockinlaw 16-25 club</li> <li>• Altonhill Youth Group</li> </ul>	<p>This application was supported locally and can be remitted to Local Committee.</p> <p>This application was supported locally and can be remitted to Local Committee.</p> <p>This application was well supported locally and cannot be funded from other sources.</p> <p>This application was supported locally and can be remitted to Local Committee.</p> <p>This application was supported locally and can be remitted to Local Committee.</p> <p>This application was supported locally and can be remitted to Local Committee.</p>	<p><b>£50</b></p> <p><b>£100</b></p> <p><b>£900</b></p> <p><b>£150</b></p> <p><b>£300</b></p> <p><b>£715</b></p>	<p>nil</p> <p>nil</p> <p>£900</p> <p>nil</p> <p>nil</p> <p>nil</p>
<u>Drugs Helpline</u>	North West Drugs	This is a welcome interest in the service	Staff £18,000	nil

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Provision of information and advice on drugs and alcohol related problems for young people. Operating a telephone helpline, 2 hours each evening Mon–Fri and 3 hours Sat and Sun from the North West Youth Project	Forum	of a telephone helpline. Discussions to develop this initiative and to consider operational matters and its appropriate development over a wider area should be pursued. It may also be appropriate for Council Officers to work closely with the Northwest Drugs Forum to secure alternative funding opportunities.	Info Pack £5,000 Telephone £300 Recruitment £1,000 Misc. £1,700 <b>Total</b> <b>£26,000</b>	

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<u>Project Name and Purpose</u>	<u>Partners</u>	<u>Officers Comments</u>	<u>Value of bid</u>	<u>Officer Rec</u>
<u>Out of School Care Project</u> Building on existing good practice which offers out of school care for the Primary age group in Onthank to offer out of school care to the 12-16 age group based in the youth project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onthank Out of School Care Project</li> <li>• North West Youth Project</li> </ul>	This project was well supported locally, but is eligible for funding from other sources. The group will be supported with other out of school care initiatives to apply for other funding.	Staffing and equipment Total <b>£10,000</b>	nil
<u>Young Persons Support Worker</u> Employing a part time support worker to offer support, information and advice to young homeless or new tenants. With guidance on the issues relating to benefits, childcare and tenancy agreements etc.	Blue Triangle	The issues surrounding homelessness were considered as significant. This project received local support. Part year funding will allow an assessment of need and the opportunity to consider developing this initiative beyond the North West area.	Staffing £9,134 equipment £2,000 Admin £1,448 <b>Total</b> <b>£12,582</b>	£6,000
<u>Drugs Outreach Project</u> Employing a full time support worker and sessional staff to deliver community based support services for people who are rebuilding their lives following drugs misuse.	Bridge Project	This project addresses the primary issue identified locally. There is some local concern regarding the current targeting of existing resources by the Bridge Project, The service is closely monitored by partner funders of the project, one of which includes the Council's Social Work Department. These concerns will be addressed with Bridge.  The proposed service will target young people leaving specialist provision and will support their transition to a drug free lifestyle within the community. The	Staffing £20,000 Admin £1,500 Programme 3,600 <b>£25,100</b>	£16,100

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		proposal is consistent with the Ayrshire and Arran Alcohol and Drug Action Plan which was agreed at Social Work Committee on 8 February 2000. The service will promote the Social Inclusion of young people and facilitate integrated service provision. A condition of the funding will be that the Bridge Project works closely with the Northwest Drugs Forum.		

**AGENDA**