

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 30 NOVEMBER 2000

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997

PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek authorisation to carry out a second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council agreed on 27 March 1997 to adopt the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.
- 2.2 Subsequently, the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 March 1998 agreed to undertake a first review of the East Ayrshire Community Council Scheme and thereafter Council agreed on 24 September 1998 to adopt the revised East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997.

3. SECOND REVIEW OF SCHEME

- 3.1 The Council is in receipt of a number of informal submissions from Elected Members, Community Councils and Council Officers in relation to several aspects of the current Scheme.
- 3.2 Under the legislation, Local Authorities can, from time to time, review Community Council Schemes upon receipt of such information and, accordingly, it is proposed that a second review be undertaken.
- 3.3 In addition, the Department has been concerned by the recent dissolution of several Community Councils and, as a result, has been considering what additional support Community Councils may require, as well as other review considerations such as boundaries, membership levels and quorum for meetings. This will form part of the review consultation process.

4. PROPOSED TIMETABLE

- 4.1 The proposed timetable (Appendix I) for the Review of the Scheme indicates that the process be undertaken between 5 January 2001 with a final report being submitted to Council at its meeting in October 2001.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY

5.1 Section 53(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

5.2 Part I, Section 22 of the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The cost of the statutory advertisement of the amended Scheme will be met from within existing budgets.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To authorise the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to undertake a second review of the Scheme in consultation with Community Councils, Local Members and the public.

8.2 To remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to undertake the necessary statutory public notification of this decision in terms of Section 53(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Fiona Lees

Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

14 November 2000

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
2. Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
3. East Ayrshire Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, 1997.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576093. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576153.

Implementation Officer: Alex Hewetson.

APPENDIX I

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW OF THE SCHEME

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| 30 November 2000 | - | Initial report to Policy and Resources Committee |
| 5 January - 2 March 2001 | - | First Consultation Period - 8 weeks |
| 8 March 2001 | - | Report to Council |
| 6 April - 1 June 2001 | - | Second Consultation Period - 8 weeks |
| 28 June 2001 | - | Report to Council |
| 31 August - 28 September 2001 | - | Third Consultation Period - 4 weeks |
| October 2001 | - | Final Report to Council |

AGENDA