

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2000

SOCIAL INCLUSION - REPRESENTATION ON SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP BOARDS

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek approval to secure elected member representation and participation on the North Social Inclusion Partnership Board and the Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At its meeting on 4 February 1999, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to the establishment of an East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group.
- 2.2** The Council at its meeting on 6 April 2000 agreed to increase its representation on the Strategic Partnership Group from one elected member to three with the Council's representatives are currently Councillors Macrae, (Chair of Social Inclusion), W Coffey and Dinwoodie together with appropriate officer representation from the Council, partner organisations and Local Committee Community Representatives.
- 2.3** Following a review of the implementation arrangements for securing social inclusion initiatives, the Policy and Resources Committee on 5 October 2000 agreed to new arrangements for delivering Social Inclusion, which included, the creation of separate SIP Boards for the Northern area (former Kilmarnock and Loudoun area) and for the Coalfield area.
- 2.4** Details of the review and the implementation arrangements were considered by the Strategic Partnership Group at their meeting on 9 November 2000.

3. PROPOSED REPRESENTATION

- 3.1** The Policy and Resources Committee agreed on 5 October 2000 that over-all co-ordination of Social Inclusion initiatives would be secured through the Chair of Social Inclusion, chairing both Boards.
- 3.2** It is considered that 3 elected members (to include the Chair) per SIP board would be an appropriate level of representation. In terms of continuity it has been agreed that Councillor Macrae will Chair both Boards. Accordingly, the Committee is asked to confirm the representation of the existing members (Councillor Dinwoodie - South Board and Councillor Coffey - North Board) and appoint a further 2 members, one to serve on each respective Board.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council's core values and strategic objectives are compatible with the underlying principles of Social Inclusion.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Committee:-

- (i) note that Councillor Macrae Chair both Boards;
- (ii) re-affirms the existing members (Councillor Dinwoodie - South Board, Councillor W Coffey - North Board); and
- (iii) nominate a further 2 members, one to serve on each respective Board.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

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AGENDA