

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2003**

#### **GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE COUNCIL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

##### **Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Policy and Resources Committee with background information regarding a grant application from the Council of Voluntary Organisations (CVO) and to make recommendations accordingly.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Council of Voluntary Organisations was established to support and bring together representatives of voluntary organisations within East Ayrshire.

The Council has a partnership agreement with the Council of Voluntary Organisation which sets out a series of shared objectives.

#### **3 GRANT FUNDING REQUESTED**

- 3.1** The CVO has recognised that in order to truly work across the East Ayrshire area that it needs to have a base in the Kilmarnock area. Funding is therefore being sought for furniture/equipment.

- 3.2** Council of Voluntary Organisations has requested £10,000 from East Ayrshire Council to meet the costs of purchasing office equipment for its proposed Kilmarnock office.

A bid was made to Lloyds TSB for staffing costs associated with the Kilmarnock base which was unsuccessful. The CVO is preparing a further submission to the Community Fund.

The Council of Voluntary Organisations currently receives Scottish Executive funding of £60,000 along with £28,000 from East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Partnership plus an additional £500 from the Unemployed Voluntary Action fund for training expenses for volunteers.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1** It is proposed to award £3000 towards the cost of the equipment and to provide furniture in kind from surplus requirements within the Council. Funding is available within the Policy and Resources budget.

**5. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve the funding of £3000 to the Council of Voluntary Organisations Grant
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104.

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