

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE : 28 MARCH 2000

THE SCOTTISH HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE - REQUEST FOR GRANT

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on a request for a grant received from the Scottish Human Rights Centre and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Human Rights Centre was founded in 1970 (previously Scottish Council for Civil Liberties) and aims to promote Human Rights in Scotland through public education and advice; research; scrutiny of legislation and monitoring the application of international Human Rights treaties.
- 2.2 The Centre provides free information and advice service to individuals, organisations and public bodies.

3. GRANT REQUEST

- 3.1 The Centre has requested a grant of £1,400 in order to continue carrying out their work.
- 3.2 The application has been assessed and the Assessing Officer has recommended that a grant be made which reflects the former arrangements for cost sharing by local authorities co-ordinated by CoSLA.
- 3.3 The number of residents from East Ayrshire using the service fluctuates from year to year, however last year a number of East Ayrshire residents are known to have used the service.
- 3.4 The grant awarded by the Policy and Resources Committee of 23 April 1999 [Item 5, Page 4522] for 1999 / 2000 was £1,200. The grant recommendation for 2000 / 2001 is that this level of grant be continued.

4. POLICY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The significance of the services provided by the Scottish Human Rights Centre is likely to increase as the public becomes more aware of the potential application of the Human Rights Act 1998, which comes in to full effect on 1 October 2000.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The recommended level of grant can be accommodated from within the existing budgets.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that a grant of £1,200 be approved for the Scottish Human Rights Centre for 2000 / 2001.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application from the Scottish Human Rights Centre and supporting material.

For further information on this report or a copy of the background papers contact Margaret Phelps, Service Officer Development, North West Kilmarnock Resource Centre, Campbeltown Drive, Kilmarnock, on 01563 572757.

AGENDA