

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 24 MAY 2001

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of applications received from voluntary organisations for Section 10 funding in 2001/2002, make recommendations for the approval of core-funded payments and recommend deferment of other payments.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 allows the local authority to make contributions, by way of grants or loans, to any voluntary organisation who's sole purpose is the promotion of social welfare.
- 2.2 The following criteria has been used in assessing the validity and appropriateness of applications in making the recommendations contained in this report:
- (a) does the voluntary organisation provide services to people in East Ayrshire from a base in East Ayrshire?
 - (b) does the voluntary organisation provide services to people in East Ayrshire from a base outwith East Ayrshire?
 - (c) does the voluntary organisation have a national profile and reputation in its area of expertise?
 - (d) does the service provided, compliment or supplement a service already provided by the Council and represent value for money?

3. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Council has made a continuing commitment to larger, locally based organisations which provide complementary services to vulnerable service users.
- 3.2 Service Level Agreements have either been prepared or are nearing completion for the undernoted organisations:
- East Ayrshire Women's Aid – Cumnock & Doon Valley
 - East Ayrshire Women's Aid – Kilmarnock
 - Ayrshire Council on Alcohol
- 3.3 In order to allow both the Council and the respective organisations to appropriately plan for and deliver services it is recommended that these organisations be subject to annual performance review and ongoing contract compliance arrangements. If Committee agree to this proposal these organisations will be funded at the attached revenue funding level set out in the table below for 2001/2002 and will receive inflation uplift in line with the Council's annual approved inflation uplift.

Organisation	2001/02
Ayrshire Council on Alcohol	£26,615
East Ayrshire Women's Aid – Kilmarnock	£180,250
East Ayrshire Women's Aid – Cumnock & Doon Valley	£62,722

3.4 In relation to both Women's Aid organisations, the Finance Department is currently finalising revised housing benefit arrangements to apply to refuge services. Once this exercise is finalised the overall Council funding available will be reviewed and the organisations and levels of support funded in the Section 10 arrangement may be altered.

3.5 Other organisations are subject to annual core-funding and it is proposed that the annual grant allocation is approved for:

Organisation	2001/02
Gift Furniture Scheme – Cumnock & Doon Valley	£8,000
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme	£12,000
Rape Counselling and Resource Centre	£72,100

3.6 A summary of the other organisations making application for Section 10 funding is contained in Appendix 1 of the report. In line with the comments noted in paragraph 3.4 of the report it is recommended that the applications are deferred until the overall funding available for grants is determined.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposals noted in sections 3.3 and 3.5 of the report can be accommodated in the 2001/2002 revenue budget, after adjustment. As noted in Section 3.4 of the report, changes in Housing benefit funding may alter the overall Council funding of some organisations and a review of outstanding applications will be required at a future date.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Social Work Committee is requested to:

- (i) agree the recommendations contained in sections 3.3, 3.5 and 3.6 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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 07 May 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work, Tel: (01563) 576920.

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Appendix Organisation	Application [£]	Criteria			
		Provides services from base in EAC	Provides services from base outwith EAC	National profile / reputation / expertise	Complements Council service / VFM
Scottish Association Care & Resettlement of Offenders [SACRO]	3,000			Yes	
West of Scotland Gay & Lesbian Forum	1,500		Yes		
ENABLE	686		Yes	Yes	Yes
Victim Support Scotland	3,521	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Family Mediation West	5,000		Yes		Yes
Phace West	1,000				
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	1,590		Yes	Yes	
Manic Depression Fellowship Scotland	5,000				
Youth Advocacy Project	1,150	Yes			
Strathclyde Elderly Forum	5,200				
British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society	100				
Arthritis Care Scotland	4,600				
Community Service Volunteers [CSV] Cash for Kids	4,000		Yes	Yes	
Scottish Chess & Drafts Association for the Blind	100				

AGENDA