

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 9 NOVEMBER 2000

CUMNOCK NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Social Work Committee Members of the submission of the next phase of East Ayrshire's New Community Schools bid for Cumnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Previous reports to Social Work and Education Committees have set out the government's proposals to establish New Community Schools which aim to bring together the range of services including Education, Social Work and Health Services in a co-ordinated approach to meet the needs of all young people, and in particular the most vulnerable young people and their families. The first phase of East Ayrshire's approach involved the development in Kilmarnock Academy and Hillhead Primary School and update reports have previously been presented to respective Committees (see background papers).

3. CUMNOCK PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Cumnock Academy proposal is available in the Members Lounge and builds on the experience of Kilmarnock and Hillhead.
- 3.2 In addition to enhanced teaching staff within the school, the submission contains proposals to employ a full time Social Worker; full time Community Link Worker (Community Education) and a part time Health Co-ordinator.
- 3.3 The Head Teacher of Cumnock Academy is central to the success of the proposal and will chair a local operational group to monitor the implementation and performance management of the New Community School. If the bid is successful it will be implemented from 1 April 2001.

4. FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The bid to the Scottish Executive is for £600,000 over the three years 2001-2003/4. If the bid is successful the full staff costs associated with the proposal will be met including the establishment of the undernoted posts:

Social Worker	£23,485
Community Link Worker	£23,485

(including Superannuation and National Insurance @ 19.2%)

- 4.2 Discussion with the appropriate trade union will follow if the bid is successful.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposal is entirely consistent with the Council's commitment to New Community Schools; Children's Service Plan and Social Inclusion Partnerships.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Social Work Committee:

- (i) ask the Director of Educational & Social Services to remit the staffing proposals to the Personnel and Property Sub Committee at the appropriate time;
- (ii) ask the Director of Educational & Social Services to refer this report to the Cumnock Area Local Committee for information; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. New Community Schools Implementation Plan

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

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AGENDA