

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE: 6 NOVEMBER 2003

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2003-2004

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek elected members' authority to make Section 10 awards to organisations which have applied for assistance;
- 1.2 To advise elected members of awards made by the Head of Social Work under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, as amended, allows local authorities to make a financial contribution, by way of grant or loan, to any voluntary organisation whose purpose is the promotion of social welfare.
- 2.2 Section 10 funding is only one of a number of Council funding streams for the voluntary sector, including payments for services provided under contract and local grants. In addition, there are a number of funding streams external to the Council which are available to voluntary organisations and advice and support to access such funds is provided by the Council.
- 2.3 On 23 May 2002, Committee decided to transfer to mainstream funding the previous Section 10 budget and instructed officers to re-create a modest Section 10 budget from a re-alignment of existing budgets. Members should note that the new Section 10 budget does not detract from the mainstream funding for organisations previously funded under Section 10 powers.
- 2.4 In considering the applications received for Section 10 funding in 2003-2004, officers have applied a number of criteria, consistent with those used in previous years. The criteria are as follows:
 - a) Does the organisation appear to be eligible for Section 10 funding, on the basis of its constitution and articles?

- b) Does the organisation address the Council's Social work strategic/operational priorities?
 - c) Does the organisation provide services to people in East Ayrshire from a base in the Council area?
 - d) Does the organisation provide services to people in East Ayrshire from a base outwith the Council area?
 - e) Does the organisation have a national profile and reputation in its area of expertise?
 - f) Does the service provided complement or supplement a service already provided by the Council.
 - g) Does the proposed service represent Best Value?
- 2.5 Members will note that, under the Council's Scheme of Delegation, senior officers have authority to make Section 10 awards up to £500 per organisation.

3. PROPOSED AWARDS OF GRANT REQUIRING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

- 3.1 Officers have considered each grant application in detail and made recommendations on the appropriate level of award for the Committee's consideration.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 sets out the recommended levels of award for organisations which have met the criteria set out in para 2.4 to a satisfactory level.
- 3.3 Appendix 2 sets out the applications for Section 10 funding which have not been assessed as a priority for funding and for which no award is therefore recommended or for which no award has been approved by senior officers under the Scheme of Delegation.

4. AWARDS OF GRANT MADE UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

- 4.1 For elected members' information only, Appendix 3 sets out the Section 10 awards made by the Head of Social Work under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

5. POLICY, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no policy or legal implications arising from the report

5.2 The proposed awards can be met from within existing Social Work budget resources, after re-alignment. In the event of further applications being received at a later date, further reports to Committee will be prepared as appropriate.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Committee is requested to:

- a) consider the proposed awards of grant, as set out in Appendix 1;
- b) note the applications for which no grant award is proposed, as set out in Appendix 2;
- c) note the awards of grant made by the Head of Social Work under the Council's Scheme of Delegation; and
- d) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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20 October 2003

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APPENDIX 1

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SECTION 10 FUNDING 2003-2004

RECOMMENDED AWARDS

Organisation	Amount Requested (£) 2003-2004	Amount Recommended (£) 2003-2004
Childline Scotland	1089	1089
CSV/Clyde Action – Cash for Kids	4750	4750
Counselling Ayrshire	1538	1538
Dementia Services Development Trust	600	600
East Ayrshire Elderly Forum	1430	1430
Family Mediation Ayrshire	4000	2000
PHACE West	1000	1000
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	800	800
Sensory Impairment Support Group Ayrshire	1500	1500
Victim Support Scotland	3795	2000
Totals	20502	16707

APPENDIX 2

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APPLICATIONS WHERE NO AWARD IS RECOMMENDED

Organisation	Amount Requested (£)
Ayrshire Amputee Association	1000
Couple Counselling Ayrshire	1000
Glasgow LGBT Centre	1000
Marks & Spencer Retired Staff Association	500
The Council for Music in Hospitals	600
The Poverty Alliance	5823
West of Scotland Seniors Forum	5385

APPENDIX 3

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AWARDS MADE UNDER SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Organisation	Amount Requested (£) 2003-2004	Amount Awarded (£) 2003-2004
British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society	100	100
Deaf Blind Scotland	360	360
Scottish Council on Deafness	5000	500
Scottish Women's Aid	350	350
Total	5810	1310