

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2003

UPLIFT IN GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Social Work Committee for the proposed uplift in Grants for Voluntary Organisations providing services for children and families and who receive funding from mainline budgets.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A number of organisations currently receive a block grant from mainline budgets for services provided to children and families. Services provided by these organisations include addiction services, counselling services for rape victims and respite care services for children

Grants are paid on an annual basis and are subject to review in relation to additional costs incurred due to inflation.

- 2.2 For the year 2003/04 it is proposed that the grant for each organisation be increased to reflect the Local Government financial settlement for salaries for staff, and to include the additional charges in relation to National Insurance. An allowance of 2% for inflation to cover non staffing costs within the projects is recommended in addition to the increase for staffing. The recommended increases are in line with the increases for community care services.
- 2.3 The proposed increases have been discussed with the organisations.

3 LEGAL / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The additional costs associated with the proposed increase in grant provision are available within the financial allocation to Social Work.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Social Work Committee is asked to approve the grant increase and to instruct the Director of Educational and Social Services to make the necessary arrangements for the grant to be paid.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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