



PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Board Meeting – 5 December 2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of progress made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2002/03.

2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS

- 2.1 Projects are required to prepare quarterly monitoring reports and these have been submitted for the period 1 April 2002 to 8 November 2002 covering 32 weeks, approximately two-thirds of the financial year.
- 2.2 Annual Review meetings were undertaken during the months of October and November 2002 and targets for the new financial year will be set during February 2003.

3 PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREED TARGETS 2002/03

- 3.1 East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) currently supports 34 projects from the Core Budget 2002/03:
- 30 are operational; and
 - 4 are at various stages of development.
- 3.2 The projects supported by the SIP continue to provide a quality service responding to the needs of the residents of the Coalfield Area and significant progress has been achieved throughout 2002/03.
- 3.3 Performance information has been grouped under the SIP's five core themes:
- People into work
 - Positive health opportunities
 - Community learning
 - Living in a quality environment
 - Community participation.
- 3.4 A summary of progress is included within the report. Further, more detailed information on project performance is available from the Manager Social Inclusion.

3.5 People into Work

3.5.1 Throughout 2002/03 the SIP has continued to support initiatives which provide opportunities into employment. Approximately one fifth of the total SIP Budget for 2002/2003 has been allocated to the six projects under the 'People Into Work' theme. The projects funded under this theme are:

- CONDUIT ILM
- East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (E.A.S.Y.)
- East Ayrshire Works
- Individual Employment Fund
- East Ayrshire Woodlands
- Ayrshire Electronic Community.

3.5.2. To date, 48 individuals have been supported into work, 15 into further education/training, and 14 have achieved vocational qualifications under the 'People into Work' theme.

3.6 Positive Health Opportunities

3.6.1 The SIP has committed almost eleven percent of the SIP Budget for 2002/03 to improving health opportunities. Projects have continued to provide access to support information for improved health within local communities. The projects funded under this theme are:

- Healthy Living Initiative (C.H.I.P. Van)
- Community Food Initiative
- Recreation Partnership Project
- Creative Skills Programme.

3.6.2 The Community Health Improvement Partnership (C.H.I.P.) Van has visited 14 targeted communities in the SIP area and has recorded 460 attendances. Focus group sessions exploring a range of health issues have been implemented and Dalmellington Area Health Forum has been established and is meeting regularly.

3.6.3. The Recreation Partnership Project has continued to make significant progress and achievement throughout the year. Links have been maintained and developed with local primary schools, and 'Active Recreation and Health Awareness sessions' have been delivered in ten primary schools to date. All twenty-one primary schools in the Coalfield Area have accepted the opportunity to take part in this year's programme of school visits. The sessions are currently delivered to Primary 3 pupils.

3.7 Community Learning

- 3.7.1 Approximately six percent of the total funding allocation is spent to ensure that individuals have the necessary education/training to fully participate in society. Projects listed under the 'Community Learning' theme continue to provide individuals in the Coalfield Area with a range of educational and training opportunities.
- 3.7.2 The Business Technology Training Centre (BTTC) in Dalmellington has provided opportunities in IT skills to 40 local businesses/business employees, and 67 individuals have signed up to European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) training.
- 3.7.3 Community Learning Opportunities has provided family learning opportunities to 120 participants. Seventeen adults and twenty-three children participate in weekly learning sessions at the Women's Refuge. Significant progress has been made in delivering the Virtual Baby Experience which is now part of the Home Economics curriculum at Auchinleck Academy.

The projects funded under this theme are:

- Business Technology Training Centre
- Community Learning Opportunities.

3.8 Living in a Quality Environment

- 3.8.1 About six percent of the SIP Budget is allocated to ensure that all residents within the Coalfield Area benefit from living in a quality environment. Local communities continue to be involved in identifying environmental improvements throughout the Coalfield Area. Two projects have been completed, Auchinleck Clock Tower; and Logan Shops. Ten projects are in process, nine are drawn up and costed and 2 projects implemented, Dalmellington Motte and Muirkirk former Co-op site.
- 3.8.2 The SIP Board has promoted a Restoring Communities initiative and Auchinleck Town Appraisal is currently being undertaken by a consultant in conjunction with the Regeneration Officer and community representatives.

3.9 Community Participation

- 3.9.1 The highest proportion of funding, almost twenty-nine percent, is allocated to the projects under the 'Community Participation' theme. These projects have consistently displayed significant achievement and continue to make progress by ensuring that each individual has the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from the communities in which they live.

The projects funded under this theme are:

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- Older People's Day Care Service Users Group
- Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union
- East Ayrshire Carers Centre (Satellite Service)/Young Carers Initiative
- Alternatives to Addiction
- The Children's Holiday Project
- Coalfield Community Transport Limited
- Coalfield Communities Federation Limited
- East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency
- Prince's Trust Volunteer Programme
- Arts for Adults with Disabilities
- Ethnic Minority Initiative
- Investment in Drama.

3.9.2 One of the highlights of the year, to date, has been the launch of the Coalfield Community Transport initiative. The official launch was carried out by the Deputy Minister for Social Justice who, in his address to the audience of 200 people, commended the Coalfield Communities Federation for its hard work in establishing a much needed service in the Coalfield Area.

3.9.3 The project has made outstanding achievements since the launch on 11 May 2002 including eighty-four community group affiliations, with over 2600 passengers utilising the service to date.

3.9.4 Over one hundred volunteer drivers have been recruited and fifty-two are fully MiDAS certificated. Twenty-five have received on road driving assessments and await theory sessions and twenty-six are currently waiting to be assessed.

3.9.5 The project is already unable to satisfy demand for the service and a bid has been submitted to purchase another minibus to meet the extra demand and introduce new services.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Partnership Board:

- i) notes the progress made by the projects against their set targets for 2002/03; and
- ii) otherwise notes the content of the report.

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25 November 2002