



## PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

Board Meeting – 4 December 2003

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of progress in respect of the independent assessment commissioned by the SIP Board in relation to the sustainability of three identified projects, namely, Coalfield Community Transport, East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY) and Investment in Drama.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Board expressed its commitment to ensuring that the initiatives which it currently funds are sustained, where appropriate, beyond 31 March 2004.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 25 March 2003, the Board agreed to commission an independent consultant to assess the sustainability of the following projects:
  - **Coalfield Community Transport**, in terms of prioritising and developing a range of proposals put forward by the voluntary management committee for future implementation;
  - **East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth**, in respect of identifying potential funding sources and investigating funding options with a range of funders, as well as exploring options for expansion throughout the whole of East Ayrshire; and
  - **Investment in Drama**, particularly in relation to exploring the feasibility and, if appropriate, supporting the establishment of a local community business involving the five Drama Trainees.

### 3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 Following the appropriate procurement process, DTZ Pidea Consulting was appointed in July 2003 to work with the three identified initiatives in respect of sustainability issues specific to each.
- 3.2 The consultant's research study has been concluded and draft reports in relation to the sustainability of each project were submitted to the SIP Office by 4 November 2003. The draft reports have subsequently been distributed to each project for further consideration.
- 3.3 The draft reports will be available at the Board meeting and copies can also be obtained from the Community Planning and Partnership Manager.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that reports will be finalised by Spring 2004, for consideration by the Board.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- i) notes the content of the report; and
- ii) agrees to receive a further update on the proposed response to the issues contained within the sustainability reports at a future meeting.

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