

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE

BOARD MEETING -24 APRIL 2001

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES -CHALLENGE FUND & SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE

Report by Director of Finance. East Ayrshire Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire funding, in respect of the North initiative.

2. SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council at its Policy & Resources Committee of 8 March 1999 agreed to the establishment of a Social Inclusion Challenge Fund. In 2000/01 the Council committed £65,000 to this fund, the total of which has been fully utilised across the whole of the East Ayrshire area.
- 2.2 For the financial year 2001/02 the allocation from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund remains the same, at £65,000 and as part of the review of social inclusion the challenge fund will be devolved to the North Board to fully utilise.

3. SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE CONTRIBUTION - 2000/01

- 3.1 Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire offered a contribution of £20,000 for 2000/01, which was split equally between both the Coalfield Area and the North Area.
- 3.2 At the Strategic Partnership meeting on the 22 June, £5,000 (£2,500 from each) was made available towards the set up costs of the post of External Funding Support Officer appointed within the Corporate Resources Department of East Ayrshire Council.
- 3.3 No further spend has occurred against this fund and it was agreed that the balance remaining of £15,000 (split equally between the North and Coalfield areas) be carried forward into the new financial year with an early spend anticipated. A proposal to spend the £7,500 available to the North Social Inclusion Initiative is the subject of a separate report to the Board.

4. SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE CONTRIBUTION - 2001/02

- 4.1 In addition to the above, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire has again made contribution to East Ayrshire Council of £30,000 for the financial year 2001/02, to be split

£20,000 for the North Area and £10,000 for the Coalfield Area - Bids against this fund will be considered at future meetings.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Board note the content of this report.

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10 April 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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AGENDA