

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE

BOARD MEETING - 24 APRIL 2001

SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE -SOCIAL INCLUSION FUND

Report by: Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
East Ayrshire Council

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from members to utilise the remaining balance of Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's Social Inclusion Fund for 2000/01 to support the development of a parent/family Information Technology suite at Hillhead Primary School.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire contributed £20,000 for 2000/01 to be utilised to tackle issues of exclusion. This allocation was split equally between both the Coalfield Area and the North Area.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.

3. PROJECT PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is proposed to utilise the remainder of the fund, £7,500 to support the development of an ICT suite within Hillhead New Community School.
- 3.2 The initiative will assist parents and children use computer technology in a user friendly environment.
- 3.3 The computer suite will complement and link to the work currently underway to establish a family learning network in the north-west of Kilmarnock.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed allocation as identified at section 3.1 can be fully met from the existing budget.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) approve the allocation of £7 ,500 to the new Community School to assist with the development of an ICT suite.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
NIL

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AGENDA