



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

Board Meeting - 6 February 2003

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - 2002/03

2.1 This financial year East Ayrshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee again agreed to make a contribution of £65,000 to the North Social Inclusion Initiative in the form of the Challenge Fund.

2.2 Full allocation of the Challenge Fund is as follows:-

Board Meeting	Allocation	Purpose
	£	
14th March 2002	30,000	To part fund the North Board's Addiction Initiative
23rd May 2002	2,500	To fund the purchase of Aspirational Learning Resource Packs for use in the North of the authority.
23rd May 2002	27,500	To part fund the temporary appointment of a North Social Inclusion Co-coordinator initially until 31st March 2004.
15th August 2002	5,000	To part fund Young People - Active Citizens proposals in order that young people have more input into decisions affecting their communities
	65,000	

3. SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE - 2002/03

3.1 Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire has this year allocated £5,000 to the North Area to assist the Board undertake a feasibility study to identify solutions to transport barriers in the North of the authority. This work is now completed and is the subject of a separate report to the Board.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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