



**COMMUNITY FEDERATION FOR THE
NORTH**

Board Meeting – 5 February 2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board on proposals to establish a Community Federation for the North of East Ayrshire.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The priority of “ensuring a high level of Community Participation in the work of the North Social Inclusion Initiative” was identified as being an ongoing priority by the working group that was convened following the Board meeting of Thursday 13 November 2003.

- 2.2 The working group decided to pursue actions and partnership opportunities within the priority as identified above.

- 2.3 Four key proposals were identified, these are:

- the organisation of an Open Event
- an ongoing commitment to Community Representatives’ training and ICT provision
- the organisation of a North Initiative ‘Road Show’, and
- the continuation of funding for the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator post.

- 2.4 Both the Open Event and the North Initiative ‘Road Show’ will be used as a means of assessing the priorities for and publicising the purpose of a Community Federation for the North.

3. OPEN EVENT

- 3.1 It is planned that an Open Event will take place in May / June 2004. The purpose of this event will be to identify local issues and highlight priority areas within the North of East Ayrshire. This will allow for an assessment to be made into the appropriateness and purpose of a Community Federation for the North.

- 3.2 Outcomes / targets for this event are as follows:

- priority issues within the Community identified
- increased community involvement in the local planning process, and
- participation at the event of Community Councils, Community Groups and Local Committees.

3.3 Costs associated with the staging of this event amount to approximately £1,200.

4. NORTH INITIATIVE 'ROAD SHOW'

4.1 It is planned that a North Initiative 'Road Show' will take place in March / April 2004. The purpose of the 'Road Show' will be to deliver a series of presentations on the work of the North Social Inclusion Initiative and proposals to develop a Community Federation for the North. The 'Road Show' presentation will be delivered to identified Community Councils and Local Committees.

4.2 Outcomes / targets for the 'Road Show' are as follows:

- Increased awareness within the local community of the work of the North Social Inclusion Initiative
- Establishment of a Community Federation for the North, and
- Improved integration with the wider community.

4.3 Costs associated with the staging of the 'Road Show' amount to approximately £200.

5. SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES'

5.1 Additional costs relating to the proposals included in 2.3 amount to £18,000 for the continuation of funding of the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator post and £3,000 for the ongoing support of Community Representatives' on the Board.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The total costs associated with this package of support is £22,400, and if approved can be fully met from the resources available to the Board.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board:

- i) agree to fund the Open Event in May / June 2004, the expenses associated with the staging of the 'Road Show', the continuation of the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator Post and the provision of ongoing support for Community Representatives' on the Board;
- ii) express their interest in participating in a working group to drive forward the Community Federation for the North agenda;
- iii) agree in principle to the need to provide funding for administrative support, premises and running costs for a potential Community Federation for the North; and
- iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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