

	<p>FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE FUND & SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE</p> <p>Board Meeting - 22 May 2003</p>
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise members of the North Initiative's year end position for 2002-03 and current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire Funding for 2003-04.

2. SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - YEAR END POSITION 2002/03

2.1 The Challenge Fund allocation of £65,000 for the financial year 2002-03 was fully committed as highlighted below.

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-ordinator 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	

2.2 However, as a result of the Board meeting held on the 7 November 2002, it was agreed that the £30,000 committed to the North Board's Addiction Initiative in 2002/03 be redirected to match fund the aftercare initiative in 2003-04 (£15,000) should it be successful, and to fund a targeted piece of work in relation to problematic alcohol use (£15,000).

2.3 Both elements of work were not scheduled to take place until April 2003 and so it was necessary to carry forward the full £30,000 to 2003-04.

2.4 In addition to the above, due to the delay in appointing the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator, only a third of the allocation was utilised within 2002-03, and £18,300 has therefore been carried forward to 2003-04.

3. SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - 2003/04

- 3.1 The Policy and Resources Committee again agreed to make a contribution of £65,000 for 2003/04 to the North Social Inclusion Initiative in the form of the Challenge Fund.
- 3.2 No applications have been made against this funding so far and a report on this matter will be submitted to the Board at a later date.
- 3.3 It should be noted however that £15,000 of this funding will require to be set aside to meet the remaining full year costs of the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator in 2003-04.
- 3.4 £2,000 of the funding will also require to be set aside to meet the costs associated with supporting community representatives participation on the Board. This includes ICT costs and representatives expenses.

4. SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE - 2003/04

- 4.1 No contribution has been offered this year from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire.
- 4.2 Funding provided in 2002-03 of £5,000 has been fully allocated towards Public Transport and has been fully committed.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - i) note the allocation of £15,000 to part-fund the cost of the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator;
 - ii) agree the allocation of £2,000 to support community representatives participation on the Board; and otherwise
 - ii) note the content of this report.

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