



**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL  
INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE  
FUND**

**Board Meeting – 13 November 2003**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise members of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

**2. SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND: 2003-04**

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 Following the May 2003 meeting of the Board the balance remaining for allocation from the Challenge Fund is £47,500 and the table below details the commitments thus far amounting to £17,500.

<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
	<b>£</b>	
22 May 2003	15,000	To part fund the temporary appointment of a North Social Inclusion Co-coordinator initially until 31st March 2004.
22 May 2003	2,000	To meet costs associated with supporting community representatives on the Board.
22 May 2003	500	To part fund the Bio Diversity Opera in East Ayrshire.
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,500</b>	

2.3 Applications against the remaining balance will be the subject of a separate report to the Board.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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