

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor David Macrae, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Gwen Barker, Service Manager, Social Work Department; Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; Andy Brown, Assistant Accountant, Finance Department; Grace Moore, Health Promotions Specialist, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Joanne Sharp, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; Sheila White, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative Limited; Stuart MacKenzie, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Housing Partnership; Douglas McCall, Representing Kilmarnock College; Alistair McKie and Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; and Matt Donnelly (Kilmarnock North), Eddie Torrance (Doon Valley), Jean Smith (Cumnock Area) and Gerry Cassidy (Irvine Valley), Local Committee Representatives.

ATTENDING: Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Steve Shanta, Enterprise Ayrshire; Frank Burns, Principal of Ayr College; Linda Thomson, Margaret Shaw and Anne McRoberts, Local Committee Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, East Ayrshire Council.

PRESENTATION BY AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD - "FAIR SHARES FOR ALL"

1. There was introduced to the meeting Brendan McElroy and Kirsten Major, Health Economists with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, who gave a presentation on the implications of the Arbuthnott report. There followed a discussion on the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board's response to the Scottish Executive consultation on "Fair Shares For All".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to thank Brendan and Kirsten of the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board for the presentation;
- (ii) that copies of the slides and any supporting documentation be made available to members of the Group; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the presentation.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

2. The Chair advised that the principal's of Ayr and Kilmarnock Colleges has both accepted their invitation to become members of the Committee and in addition welcomed Chief Superintendent Alistair McKie from Strathclyde Police and Douglas McCall of Kilmarnock College, to the meeting.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 August 1999 (circulated) were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

4. An update on the matters arising was given and are summarised below:-
 - **Involvement of Voluntary Sector Representatives** - The Senior Depute Director of Social Work advised that a major, national child care voluntary organisation, with which the Council was in partnership, had expressed an interest in contributing to the work of the partnership by joining the Strategic Partnership Group. Any alternative nominations of interested voluntary organisations should be made to Bernadette Docherty by 6 December 1999. It was noted that further progress would be reported to the next meeting.
 - **Strategic Planning Timescales** - Members were requested to provide details of any strategic planning timescales to the Service Manager, Social Work Department by 30 November 1999. Members were also made aware that East Ayrshire Council had recently agreed arrangements for the preparation of a new Corporate Plan and Corporate Planning Process. To this end, a range of separate meetings would be arranged shortly with partner organisations to jointly look at the responsibilities under the community planning process.
 - **Recruitment/Selection** - As East Ayrshire Council had been unsuccessful in recruiting for the post of Monitoring/Evaluation and Research Officer, member partners were requested if they would wish to undertake advertising the position within their own organisation on a secondment basis, with the post holder having the option to return to their substantive post. In this connection, approaches were to be made to the Service Manager, Social Work Department of East Ayrshire Council.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 24 SEPTEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 6)

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the Social Inclusion Partnership Group for the period ended 24 September 1999 (Period 6).

PROPOSED USE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP RESOURCE BUDGET

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which presented a package of possible projects/activities to be funded via the Council's £64,000 grant allocation to the Strategic Partnership Group.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the recommendation of funding as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to request that partners consider whether they are able to make a contribution to the resource budget or ring-fence elements of their own budgets in respect of any potential projects;
- (iii) to request the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council to present these proposals to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION AREA TEAMS

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which updated on progress in relation to the establishment of Local Social Inclusion Area Teams.

UPDATE - EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 October 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which (a) advised of the receipt of confirmation from the Scottish Executive of the Social Inclusion Partnership fund allocation to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; (b) advised of progress in finalising the detailed development/implementation plans for each project in the current year's programme; and (c) recommended procedures for reporting future progress in the implementation of each project. In addition, there was tabled at the meeting by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council a report dated 28 October 1999 which outlined the programme of projects for 1999/2000.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the approved funding allocation for the year 1999/2000 for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership;
- (ii) to note the position regarding finalising of the detailed Development/Implications Plans for each project contained in the Programme of projects for the year 1999/March 2000;
- (iii) to remit to the Executive Officer to submit to the Strategic Partnership Group on a regular basis, a report summarising progress on implementation of each project; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

At this point in the meeting, the Depute Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council left the meeting.

THE COALFIELD REGENERATION TRUST

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which informed of the launch of the Coalfield Regeneration Trust, which summarised the criteria on priority areas of funding and proposed local arrangements for the preparation of applications.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the launch of the Coalfield Regeneration Trust;
- (ii) to note the areas under which application funding were being developed;
- (iii) to note the proposed arrangements for the preparation of applications as detailed within the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRESENTATION BY EAST AYRSHIRE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND TENANT INVOLVEMENT

10. The Chief Executive of the East Ayrshire Housing Partnership requested and it was agreed that a presentation be made at the next meeting regarding East Ayrshire Housing Partnership's current initiatives on Community Participation and Tenant Involvement.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.