

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1405 HOURS IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1, THE ALEXANDER FLEMING EDUCATION CENTRE, CROSSHOUSE HOSPITAL, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Macrae, Willie Coffey and Elaine Dinwoodie; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication, East Ayrshire Council; Tom McHugh, Head of Accountancy Services, East Ayrshire Council; Gwen Barker, Social Inclusion Manager, East Ayrshire Council; Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, East Ayrshire Council; Roddy Wallace, Executive Officer, East Ayrshire Council and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Geraldine O'Donnell, Corporate Services Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; Margaret McWilliam, Senior Health Promotion Officer, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police; Bob Gardner, Director of Community Inclusion, Ayr College; Mick Roebuck, Principal Kilmarnock College; Sheila White, Chief Executive Officer, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; Jim Burns, Action Team Project Manager, Employment Service; Tommy Burns, Operational Manager, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative; Caroline McBride, Community Representative, Cumnock Area Local Committee; William Lees, Substitute Community Representative, Cumnock Area Local Committee; Matt Donnelly, Community Representative, Kilmarnock North Local Committee; and Gerry Cassidy, Community Representative, Irvine Valley Local Committee.

**APOLOGIES:** Alan Gunning, Chief Executive, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Eddie Torrance, Community Representative, Doon Valley Local Committee; and Tony Foote, Community Representative, Doon Valley Local Committee.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 June 2000 (circulated) were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

##### **2.1 ACTION TEAM EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, was welcomed to the meeting as the representative from the Employment Service. Noted the range of services currently provided by the East Ayrshire Action Team for Jobs and that the Action Team Manager would arrange on request, to redistribute employment information to other areas in East Ayrshire. It was further noted that the Chair would write to the Secretary of State for Scotland to request that the enhanced Employment Service offered to the postcode areas of KA14 and KA 18,3 be extended to other recognised areas of need within East Ayrshire.

## 2.2 TACKLING DRUGS MISUSE FUND

Noted that a range of projects had been approved for funding by the Scottish Executive for 2000/01 under the Tackling Drugs Misuse Fund and that the implementation of the projects were being developed in consultation with the Ayrshire and Arran Alcohol and Drug Action Team.

### **COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME OF PROJECTS 2000-2001: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2000**

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which advised of key activities between June and September 2000 in respect of the projects funded via the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership during financial year 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council report back to a future meeting on the number of trainees from the East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth Project who had found employment; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 25 AUGUST (PERIOD 5)**

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 1 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which advised 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 25 August 2000 (Period 5).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Scottish Executive had approved funding of a Lottery Funding Officer to assist the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership and that a recruitment exercise would be initiated shortly;
- (ii) to note that Melvin Griffiths had been appointed by East Ayrshire Council as its External Funding Support Officer and would take up post on 3 October 2000; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council, which sought the endorsement of the Strategic Partnership Group to provide funding for the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for three projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the following Challenge bids:-
  - Drugs and Alcohol Support Project - £7,000;
  - Shopmobility Feasibility Study - £2,000;
  - Shortlees Youth Shelter - £4,000; and

- (ii) to note that in respect of the Shortlees Youth Shelter Project, East Ayrshire Council would be establishing Community Work based initiatives to support the development of the Project.

### **REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE'S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which sought the Group's views on proposals to alter the arrangements for delivering Social Inclusion initiatives within East Ayrshire following a comprehensive review of the current arrangements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the review of the arrangements for implementing Social Inclusion as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to approve, in principle, the proposals to alter the arrangements for delivering Social Inclusion initiatives detailed within the report, subject to consideration of the detailed implementation plan at a special meeting of the Group;
- (iii) that the importance of strengthening the work of the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership be conveyed to East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iv) to convene a special meeting of the Group within the next six weeks.

### **CO-ORDINATION OF PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION PROJECTS**

7. It was agreed that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources report back on the arrangements between the Partner Members to co-ordinate publicity arrangements for Social Inclusion Projects.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.