

**EAST AYRSHIRE SOCIAL INCLUSION
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP -215T DECEMBER, 1999**

**UPDATE - EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION
PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Report by Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purposes of this report are to inform the members of (a) the outcome of an "Awareness Day" for project leaders and others associated with the implementation of projects included in the current programme of Social Inclusion Partnership projects which was held at Cumnock Town Hall on Thursday, 25th November, 1999, and (b) progress in the implementation of the current programme of projects.

2. "AWARENESS DAY" - 25TH NOVEMBER, 1999

2.1 On 25th November, 1999 an "Awareness Day" was held at the Town Hall, Cumnock. This was attended by lead officers and workers associated with the implementation of projects included in this years' Implementation Plan.

2.2 The objectives of the meeting were:-

- (a) to update all present regarding the current management arrangements for the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Partnership and the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership;
- (b) to provide an opportunity for short presentations on each project to be made; and
- (c) to hold discussion groups on common issues such as the development of the Community Profiling Exercise, the identification of opportunities for the development of Community Transport Initiatives and the identification of opportunities for networking and developing linkages between projects.

2.3 The event was very well attended and proved to be a welcome and important opportunity for those associated with individual projects to increase awareness of each others activities and identify future complementary actions. It is proposed that similar meetings will be held on a regular basis.

3. PROGRESS REPORT - 6TH DECEMBER, 1999

- 3.1 At their meeting on 28th October, 1999 the members, of the Strategic Partnership Group agreed that regular progress reports on implementation should be presented to future meetings. A progress report dated 6th December, 1999 comprises Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 Reports on the activity on the Strategic Core Group are standing items on the agendas for the Cumnock Area Local Committee and Doon Valley Area Local Committee and additionally progress is reported to the Interim Coalfield Communities Federation. The Local Committees 8 and the Federation have requested that in the future copies of the regular Progress Reports considered by the Strategic Core Group be presented to their respective meetings for information.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS YEAR 1

- 5.1 Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Partnership Core Group agree to:-
- (i) note and approve the action taken regarding the holding of the "Awareness Day" on 25th November, 1999 and the proposal to hold future "Awareness Days" on a regular basis.
 - (ii) note the progress report dated 6th December, 1999; and
 - (iii) agree that, once they have been considered by the Strategic Core Group, arrangements should be made for copies of Progress Reports to be circulated to the Cumnock Area Local Committee, the Doon Valley Area Local Committee and the Interim Coalfield Communities Federation as appropriate.

David Montgomery
Chief Executive

7th December, 1999

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Nil.

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EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP
Programme of Projects 1999-2000
Progress Report -6th December, 1999

<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Theme - Research and Infrastructure</i>		
S-A 1	Community Profiling/Social Audit	<p><i>Description:</i> Undertaking of comprehensive community profiles to identify needs of targeted communities and also the resources that exist within them in order to assist the preparation of Integrated Regeneration Strategies and Community Action Plans.</p> <p><i>Participants:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Council Development Services Dept. Other participants under discussion. (See below)</p> <p><i>Lead Officer:</i> Robert Paton (Tel: 01563 576142)</p> <p><i>Contact Officer:</i> David Donaldson (Tel: 01290 424423)</p> <p><i>Present Status:</i> Discussions with Area Team Members initiated. Briefs to consultants drafted. List of potential consultants in preparation. Anticipate ~ proposals returned January 2000 and consultants appointed late January 2000. Expect supervisor to be appointed January 2000 and first tranch of trainees started February 2000.</p> <p><i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> £40,000</p> <p><i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £40,000</p> <p><i>Payment Plan:</i> October -December, 1999- £20,000 Jan -March, 2000 -£20,000</p> <p><i>Payments to Date:</i> Nil</p> <p><i>Forecast of Expenditure:</i> Full expenditure envisaged</p>
S-A2	New Cumnock Focal Point Development Centre	<p><i>Description:</i> To re-equip and upgrade the New Cumnock Focal Point Development Centre to deliver locally targeted training programmes.</p> <p><i>Participants:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Council Development Services Dept. with Enterprise Ayrshire, CONDUIT, Ayr College and European Community.</p> <p><i>Lead Officer:</i> Robert Paton (Tel: 01563516142)</p> <p><i>Contact Officer:</i> David Donaldson (Tel: 01290424423)</p> <p><i>Present Status:</i> Project details being finalised by Community Education Services in discussion with Ayrshire Electronic Community and the Management Committee of New Cumnock Community Centre.</p> <p><i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> £40, 000</p> <p><i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £20,000</p>

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 Theme - Research and Infrastructure
 S-A2 (Cont'd)

Remarks

*Payment Plan :October-December, 1999- £10,000
 Jan- March, 2000- .£10,000*

Payments to Date: Nil

Forecast of Expenditure: Full Expenditure anticipated

Theme- Excluded from Work
 S-B1 Youth Development Project

Description: Youth Development Project

Participants: Project Lead by East Ayrshire Employment Initiative

Lead Officer: George Fraser (Tel: 01563 544554)

Contact Officer: Anne Phillips (Tel: 01290426643)

Present Status: Detailed proposals now under discussion with Enterprise Ayrshire and the Skills Training Unit of East Ayrshire Council

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £18,000

SIP Funding Yr 1: £18,000

Payment Plan: TEA

Payments To Date: Nil

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-B2 East Ayrshire Works

Description: An ILM project to train 24 long term unemployed people in skills which are in demand by employers in the travel to work area.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Employment Initiative, with East Ayrshire Council, the Employment Service and the Voluntary Sector .

Lead Officer: George Fraser (Tel: 01563 544554)

Contact Officer: Robert Wilson (Tel: 01563544554)

Present Status: Discussions underway with a range of agencies re. placements. Staff and trainees scheduled to commence January, 2000. Development/Implementation Plan updated. Total Project Cost Yr 1: £1 10, 000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £60, 000

Payment Plan: Oct-Dec 1999 -£30, 000

Jan-Mar 2000 -£30, 000

Payments to Date: £30,000

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated due to start up costs. Budget requirement for year 2000/2001 to be reduced

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<i>Theme - Excluded from Work</i>		
S-B3	Dalmellington Industrial Estate Refurbishment Development of Coalfield Business Technology Centre	<i>Description:</i> Refurbishment and upgrading of existing factory including creation of Coalfield Business Technology Centre. <i>Participants.:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Council Development Services Dept. with Enterprise Ayrshire and European Community. <i>Lead Officer:</i> Robert Paton (Tel: 01563 576142) <i>Contact Officer:</i> David Donaldson (Tel: 01290 424423) <i>Present .Status.:</i> Funding package finalised. Proposals finalised. Tenders returned and accepted. Work started December 6th. 1999. <i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> @£528,000 <i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £90, 000 <i>Payment Plan:</i> TEA <i>Payments to Date:</i> £90,000 <i>Forecast Expenditure:</i> Full Expenditure
S-B4	Personal Development Fund	<i>Description:</i> Provision of financial assistance to allow unemployed people re-enter employment <i>Participants:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Employment Initiative <i>Lead Officer:</i> George Fraser (Tel: 01563 544554) <i>Contact Officer:</i> Sharon McRoberts (Tel: 01563544554) <i>Present Status:</i> Development/Implementation Plan updated. Start of project imminent. <i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> £10,000 <i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £10,000 <i>Payment Plan:</i> Oct-Dec -£5,000 Jan -Mar -£5,000 <i>Payment to Date:</i> £5,000 <i>Forecast of Expenditure:</i> Full expenditure envisaged,
<i>Theme- Excluded from Good Health</i>		
S-C 1	Health Hit Squad -Empowering Communities	<i>Description:</i> Project to identify main health priorities in targeted communities and develop local action plans to tackle these priorities through formally constituted forums. <i>Participants:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Community Services Department with possible assistance from Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust and Ayrshire and Arran Health Council. <i>Lead Officer:</i> Katie Kelly (Tel 01563 576722) <i>Contact Officer:</i> Matt Lowther (Tel: 01563 576716) . <i>Present Status:</i> Development/Implementation Plan updated. Extensive community/interagency

Ref No Project Title
Theme - Excluded from Good Health
S-C1 (cont)

Remarks

consultation continuing. Stage 1 application to New Opportunities Fund successful. Final stage bid in preparation and request to spend SIP monies prior to March 2000 without prejudicing the NOF application will be made.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £30, 000 (Larger project if New Opportunities funding approved)

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £30, 000

Payment Plan: TBA

Payments to Date: £10,000

Forecast of Expenditure: Slippage may occur if expenditure is not allowed prior to determination of the NOF applications.

S-C2 Community Food Initiative

Description: Project to raise awareness of the issue of food and health and to promote healthy eating whilst addressing issues of food. Project to be delivered through Kids Club Network, Looked after Young People and Community Food Workers

Participants: Project management by Steering Group representing East Ayrshire Council, Primary Care Trust and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

Lead Officer: Louise Benson (Tel: 01292 513049)

Contact Officer: Lorraine Dick -Kids Club Network (Tel: 01563 576721)

Mike McGuire -Looked After Young People (Tel: 01563 576906)

Margaret Phelps -Community Food Workers (Tel: 01563 572757)

Present Status: Development/Implementation Plan updated. Procedures for recruitment of part time workers under discussion with EAC Personnel Division.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £10,000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £10,000

Payment Plan: Oct -Dec 1999 -3 x £2, 000

Jan -Mar 2000- £4,000

Payment to Date: Nil

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure envisaged.

Theme- Excluded from Learning

S-D I Community Learning Opportunities

Description: Development and enhancement of existing activity in relation to Parent/School Partnerships, Essential Skills Learning Initiative and Young People and Pregnancy.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Council Community Education Service.

Lead Officer: Bill Hunter (Tel: 01290 420163)

Contact Officer: Alan Patterson (Tel: 01290 420163)

Present Status: Development/Implementation Plan updated. Temporary Com.Ed. Worker appointed.

Ref No Project Title
Theme - Excluded from Learning
S-O 1 (Cont' d)

Remarks

Parent School Partnerships - (Implementation of negotiated learning programmes with parents of Pupils attending local schools.) Classes commenced Patna 15th November, 1999. Initially 8 attended. By 5th December numbers rose to 21 and proving very popular. Catrine booking forms delivered and anticipate classes start 12th January , At Logan questionnaires have been distributed throughout the school. A drugs awareness session has also been held at Rankinston.

Essential Learning Skills - -(Project to tackle essential skills gaps in targeted communities.) Target numbers being reviewed. Working towards identifying tutors and students. Training Programmes under discussion as is purchase of suitable equipment.

Young People and Pregnancy - (Extension of existing young parents project.) Workshop sessions underway at Doon Academy and sessions at Youth Clubs being planned.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £35,000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £35,000

Payment Plan: Sept-Dec, 1999- £10,000

Jan-Mar, 2000- £25,000

Payments to Date: £35,000

Forecast of Expenditure: Full Expenditure

Theme -Excluded from Living in a Quality Environment
S-E I East Ayrshire Woodlands

Description: Provision of additional training places to young people to allow broadening of existing training programme provided through the East Ayrshire Woodlands Initiative.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Woodlands through a multi agency Steering Group.

Present Status: 5 no. participants continues on the programme. All 5 have now completed assessments for SVQ Level II and their award is pending. Training in 'Safe Use of Pesticides' underway. PAI test scheduled for December. Additional skills competence training to begin in the new year .

Lead Officer: Bruce Davidson (Tel: 01292 551011)

Contact Officer: Nick Prower (Tel: 01292 551012)

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £59,000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £59,000

Payment Plan: TBA

Payments to Date: £18,511.84

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-E2 Dalmellington Environmental Based
Training Programme

Description: Further phase of environmental improvements and building facelifts in Dalmellington Town Centre in accordance with approved Masterplan.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Council Development Services Dept. with Enterprise

Ref No	Project Title	Remarks
S-E2	Theme - Excluded from Living in a Quality Environment (Cont'd)	<p>Ayrshire and European Community <i>Lead Officer:</i> Robert Paton (Tel: 01563 576142) <i>Contact Officer:</i> David Donaldson (Tel: 01290 424423) <i>Present Status:</i> Landscaping elements at Croft Street and Waterside Street completed. Tenders issued for Building facelift element. Additional opportunities for partnership funding being progressed. <i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> £176,000 <i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £20,000 <i>Payment Plan:</i> TBA <i>Payments to Date:</i> £20,000 <i>Forecast of Expenditure:</i> Full expenditure</p>
S-E3	Community Environmental Improvement Masterplans	<p><i>Description:</i> Resource to undertake preparation of Environmental Improvement Masterplans for individual communities. <i>Participants:</i> Project led by East Ayrshire Council Development Services Dept. Other participants under discussion (See below) <i>Lead Officer:</i> Robert Paton (Tel: 01563 576142) <i>Contact Officer:</i> David Donaldson (Tel: 01290 424423) <i>Present Status:</i> Development/Implementation Plan updated. Brief for consultants in preparation, Proposal to invite submissions January 2000 and appoint consultants early February 2000, <i>Total Project Cost Yr 1:</i> Currently £10, 000 <i>Total SIP Budget Yr 1:</i> £10,000 <i>Payment Plan:</i> TBA <i>Payments to Date:</i> Nil <i>Forecast of Expenditure:</i> Full Expenditure anticipated</p>
<i>Theme -Excluded from Positive Social Interaction</i>		
S-F1	CONNECTED	<p><i>Description:</i> Establishment of a high quality Youth Project in Cumnock centring on an "Internet Cafe", health promotion activities and social/recreational opportunities, <i>Participants:</i> The project is supervised by East Ayrshire Council Community Education Services and is currently being developed through the Youth Information Project Management Committee. <i>Lead Officer:</i> Bill Hunter Tel: (01290 420163) <i>Contact Officers:</i> Billy McDowall (Tel: 01292 550179) and Anne Phillips (Tel: 01290426643)</p>

Ref No Project Title

Theme - Excluded from Positive Social Interaction

S-F1 (Cont' d)

Remarks

Present Status: Development/Implementation Plan being finalised by Management Committee. Property comprising former Nursery School, Barrhill Road, Cumnock secured. Lease terms and conditions under discussion. Business Plan being finalised. Plans for refurbishment/decoration being finalised. Anticipate start of physical works January, 2000. Appointment of temporary Development Officer being extended. Anticipate staff appointments made January, 2000.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £150,000

Total Budget Yr 1: £150,000 (Capital- £110,000 Revenue -£40,000)

Payment Plan :TBA

Payments to Date: £5,000

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-F2 Kids Club Network

Description: Creation of a network of Kids Clubs that provide a range of after school/weekend/vocational recreational, activities for children.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Council Community Services Department.

Lead Officer: Katie Kelly (Tel: 01563 576722)

Contact Officer: Lorraine Dick (Tel: 01563 576721)

Present Status: New Saturday Kids Club ongoing in Logan, Auchinleck and Netherthird with good attendance. Currently developing a membership scheme for children which is expected to start early 2000. Christmas Arts and Crafts sessions being undertaken in Auchinleck, Drongan and Dalrymple libraries which have been well attended. Audit of existing opportunities being finalised and this will assist the project to augment and complement existing activities. Proposed that the four pilot areas will be those which currently have no activities for children.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £70,000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £55,000

Payment Plan: Oct-Dec 1999- £24,000

Jan-Mar 2000- £24,000

Payments to Date: £24,000

Forecast Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-F3 Older Peoples Day Care User Groups

Description: Provision of day support for older people.

Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Council Social Work Dept with assistance from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, Bield Housing Association and East Ayrshire Council Homes Dept.

Lead Officer: Martin Clark (Tel: 01563 576927)

Contact Officer: James Campbell (Tel: 01563576928)

Ref No Project Title
Theme - Excluded from Positive Social Interaction

Remarks

S-F3 (Cont'd)

Present Status: Job adverts placed. Interviews January, 2000. Expect appointment February, 2000. Accommodation identified and resourcing of office begun. Preparation of plans in conjunction with community groups ongoing.
Total Project Cost Yr 1: £15,000
Total Budget Yr 1: £15,000
Payment Plan: Oct-Dec 1999- £7,500
Jan-Mar 2000- £7,500
Payments to Date: £7, 000
Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-F4 Cumnock District Credit Union

Description: Proposed establishment of a Credit Union, amongst other objectives, to promote thrift by encouraging members to save regularly and to provide loans to members at a reasonable rate of interest.
Participants: Project led by Cumnock District Credit Union Steering Group supported by East Ayrshire Council Social Work Department.
Lead Officer: Ann Barker (Tel: 01290 424797)
Contact Officer: David Fraser (Tel: 01290 425695)
Present Status: Steering Group has agreed that the Common Bond area should be extended to include a wider Cumnock area. Twenty-three volunteers have now been identified. Training commences 16th January, 2000, fortnightly for eight sessions.
Total Project Cost Yr 1: £10,000
Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £10, 000
Payment Plan: Sep-Dec 1999- £5,000
Jan-Mar 2000 -£5, 000
Payments to Date: £4,300
Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-F5 Young Carers Initiative

Description: Identification of Young Carers who have a caring responsibility at home and provision of a flexible resource to react and respond .to their individual needs.
Participants: Project led by East Ayrshire Council Social Work Dept. with East Ayrshire Carers Centre, Princess Royal Trust and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.
Lead Officer: Jane Smith (Tel: 01563 571533)
Contact Officer: Elizabeth Middleton (Tel: 01563 571533)
Present Status: A further 3 young carers have been identified through referrals by Social Work Dept.

Ref No Project Title
Theme - Excluded from Positive Social Interaction
S-F5 (Cont'd)

Remarks

giving a total of 14 registered at present. Regular meetings continue to be held on Tuesdays at Menzies Court, Cumnock. Three local secondary schools have agreed to the project making a presentation to pupils during January. St. Josephs, Cumnock Campus has agreed to a presentation being made to Guidance Teachers in the 1st instance. Family Christmas night out for young carers and families arranged 21st December. "Chicks" a company in Devon has offered holiday accommodation at an activity centre during the summer and this is being pursued. In addition one of the young carers went to the Scottish Parliament and talked to some 20 MSP's on issues relating to young carers. Another young carer addressed some 400 business persons in Glasgow at the Eve of the World Cup Rugby Dinner.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £33,200

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £11,500

Payment Plan: Oct-Dec 1999- £7,000

Jan-Mar 2000- £4,500

Payments to Date: £6,350

Forecast of Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated

S-F6 Alternative to Addiction Project

Description: To provide an innovative service to individuals families and groups who are experiencing difficulty in relation to addiction.

Participants: Project led by Bridge Project. (Jointly funded by East Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board). East Ayrshire Social Work Dept. to act as supervisory agency.

Lead Officer: Christine Scott (Tel: 01292 287777)

Contact Officer: Sally Brown (Tel: 01290 421602)

Present Status: Development/Implementation Plan updated. Project progressing well and developing linkages with a wide variety of projects. One example is working with the Riverside Adult Training Centre to promote the arts as an "alternative to addiction". Between 15th-17th December the core group will work with a dance worker and musician from Giant Productions to develop skills and confidence. The project, "The Musical Garden" will be held at Riverside.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £16,000

Total SIP Budget Yr 1: £16,000 .

Payment Plan: Oct-Dec 1999- £8,000

Jan-Mar 2000 -£8,000

Payments to Date: £8,000

Forecast Expenditure: Full expenditure anticipated.

Theme - General

Staffing

Description: Appointment of Executive Team for East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership.

Present Status: -Executive Officer - Appointed (secondment)

- Admin Officer - Appointed (secondment)

- Integrated Strategies Officer - Appointed (secondment)

- Resource/Information Worker -Job advertised.

- Senior Clerical Worker -Job advertised.

- Monitoring/Evaluation/Research Officer -Job advertised.

SIP Funding Yr 1: £55,830

Capital & Revenue for Partnership Support Team

Description: Funding for establishment and running of offices for the Executive Team

Present Status: Premises secured. Estimates for repair, security and decoration work complete. Works started.

SIP Funding Yr 1: £16,610

Coalfield Communities Federation

Description: Proposal to establish a Coalfield Communities Federation to inform the preparation of strategies and future programmes and to have core representation on the Partnership Steering Group.

Participants: Representatives of Local Community Councils and Communities of Interest.

Present Status: First AGM for Coalfield Communities Federation arranged. Proposed formal launch 19th February, 2000. Newsletter in preparation. Office accommodation at Barrhill Road, Cumnock secured. Decoration of offices underway. Details of requirements to fully resource office being finalised.

Total Project Cost Yr 1: £10,000

SIP Funding Yr 1: £10,000

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AGENDA