

Corporate Strategy Committee  
25 March 1996

**Irvine, 25 March 1996** - At a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

James Clements, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Thomas Dickie, David Gallagher, Jane Gorman, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Thomas Morris, Robert Rae, Robert Reilly and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Financial Services, a Corporate Policy Officer (Alistair Osborne) and an Administration Officer (Jim Bannatyne).

**Chair**

Mr. Clements in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Ian Clarkson, David O'Neill, John Sillars and George Steven.

**1. Corporate Strategy Grants Budget**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a Scheme of Corporate Strategy Grants including recommendations in respect of applications received from voluntary organisations. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) to approve the Grants Budget set out within this report;
- (b) to allocate the level of support indicated to Cunninghame Citizens Advice Bureaux; Arran Information and Advice Centre; Age Concern/Elderly Groups, Community Councils: (in the case of elderly/age concern groups and Community Councils, allocations to be on the basis of the per capita formula previously operated under Cunninghame District Council);
- (c) to approve the disbursement of the Rural Challenge Initiative budget to fund the Arran Dial a Creche and Arran Youth Information Projects presently funded under the Rural Challenge Budget, proposals for such funding having been remitted to this Committee from the Community and Recreational Services Committee;
- (d) to approve the allocation of £18,871 from the Job Access and Training Initiatives Budget to One Plus: One Parent Families (to support their Three Towns Community Care Training Project);
- (e) to approve the disbursement of funds from the Youth Partnership Budget to support the CONNECT Project (Three Towns), the balance of funding remaining to

be used to enhance the Skill Seekers programme for trainees within Council departments;

(f) to approve the following awards to voluntary organisations for 1996/97:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Approved £</b>
Community Business Scotland	275
Gay and Lesbian Forum	3,308
National Local Government Forum Against Poverty	115
Raleigh International	1,933
Regional Working Party on Playschemes	Nil
Safe Strathclyde Resource Centre	Nil
Scottish Council for Civil Liberties	2,781
Scottish Low Pay Unit	3,629
Scottish Refugee Council	2,701
Strathclyde Community Relations Council	1,600
Strathclyde Poverty Alliance	9,744
<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,086</b>

(g) to transfer to the budget of Planning Roads and the Environment the sum of £40,640 disaggregated from the 1995/96 allocation to Community Enterprise activity in order to support the Three Towns Initiative Project; and

(h) to bring to a future Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee proposals for the disbursement of the other remaining budgets and outstanding balances.

## 2. Community Grants Scheme: Area Committees

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the proposed Community Grants Budgets for the 5 Area Committees for the financial year 1996/97. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed:-

(a) to make a provisional allocation of the following full year amounts to the Area Committees, 50% of allocations to be released now and the second half year instalment to be confirmed after 6 months;

Committee	Community Grants	Poverty Weighting	Total
Garnock Valley	£7,950	£1,912	£9,862
The Three Towns	£11,940	£4,109	£16,049
The North Coast & Arran	£9,380	£901	£10,281
Kilwinning, Dreghorn & Springside	£9,920	£1,839	£11,759
Irvine	£10,306	£3,841	£14,147
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£49,496</b>	<b>£12,602</b>	<b>£62,098</b>

(b) to allocate the following amounts to the Area Committees to fund Playscheme running costs, such awards to be made in the first instance, in accordance with the formula for funding Playschemes operated presently by the Cunninghame Local Committee of Strathclyde Regional Council;

Garnock Valley	£2,994
The Three Towns	£4,495

The North Coast & Arran	£3,533
Kilwinning, Dreghorn & Springside	£3,734
Irvine	£3,880
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,636</b>

(c) that a further amount of £8,500 be allocated to support Playschemes, in particular in terms of insurance and travel pass arrangements, proposals for the use of which to be invited from the Directorate of Community and Recreational Services.

### **3. Urban Programme Terminating Projects 1996/97**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the proposed funding arrangements for the Urban Programme Project Safe Three Towns and the procedures requiring to be followed to secure an extension to that funding. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed, in view of the past success of the Safe Three Towns Project and the important contribution it makes to community safety within the Three Towns, to make application to the Scottish Office for a three year extension of funding, in the first instance to 30 November 1996 and thereafter the remaining period of the three years subject to the outcome of the Secretary of State's consultation on the future of the Urban Programme.

### **4. Requests for Appointment to Outside Bodies**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request for representation on the Management Committee of the Urban Programme Project ASSIST. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed to remit to the Three Towns Area Committee to consider the request for the appointment of two members of the Council to serve on the Management Committee of ASSIST.

### **5. Property Transfer Order**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the procedure for the submission of claims for disputed heritable or moveable property. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit any claims on behalf of North Ayrshire Council by 1

April 1996 if considered appropriate.

## **6. Urgent Item**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency.

## **7. Members' Allowances**

The Chair requested that the Committee consider the method to be adopted by the Council for the payment of members' allowances.

The Committee agreed that members' allowances be paid on a monthly basis.

The Meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.