

REPORT

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: EASTFIELD COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
From: CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
Date: 3 October 1996	Ref: BP/IG	

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Eastfield Community Action Group is the management body responsible for the running of Eastfield Community Hall, West Benhar Road, Eastfield, Harthill.
- 1.2 The hall is leased to the Action Group from Eastfield Miners' Welfare Society and Social Club and, whilst the hall is physically adjoined to the Miners' Welfare Complex, it is accessed by separate entrance and operates independently.
- 1.3 Eastfield Community Hall is the only community facility in the area and provides a much needed resource to local people.
- 1.4 The former Motherwell District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council contributed to the upgrade of the facility and it is now well used by the local playgroups, senior citizens group; activity group; support groups; and as a venue for meetings and councillor surgeries.

**2 Funding Arrangements**

- 2.1 Each year, Eastfield Community Action Group has endeavoured to increase the usage of the hall and at the same time generate income to be offset against the running costs.
- 2.2 In 1995/96 the Action Group received funding through the former Regional Council, Community Councils Scheme and Rural Initiatives Budget and Motherwell District Council's Ward Scheme totalling £2,870.
- 2.3 Running costs for 1995/96 totalled £2,476 and income generated for that period was £979. This year (1996/97) running costs are projected at £2,883, resulting in a projected shortfall of £1,904.
- 2.4 Following the annual audit of accounts this year, the Action Group through its management committee reviewed it letting policy to reflect increased running costs and at the same time enable community groups to continue their activities within their limited funds.
- 2.5 The Action Group has requested the sum of £1,904 from the Council.

### 3 Future Developments

- 3.1 Eastfield Community Hall will continue to provide meeting facilities for a wide range of community organisations in the Eastfield area. The management committee is keen to increase the use of the hall and at the same time increase the range of services and community activity. Work is already underway to develop a credit union which can only develop if the hall remains open.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee

- (1) Agree to grant £1,904 to Eastfield Community Action Group.
- (2) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

  
N Chief Executive