

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(i)
SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA - 16 December 1997

Shotts, 16 December 1997 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gormill, Convener; Councillor Robertson, Vice-Convener and Councillor Cefferty.

CHAIR

Councillor Gormill (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration (Liaison Director) and Administrative Officer, Department of Administration, Senior Officer, Urban Programme, Chief Executive's Department, Senior Community Education Officer, Adult Education, Treasury Manager, Finance Department, Area Housing Manager, Policy Officer, Leisure Services Department, and Area Social Work Manager, Wishaw and Senior Co-ordinator, Planning, Social Work Department.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN - PRESENTATION

1. The Area Social Work Manager and the Senior Social Work Planning Co-ordinator, provided a presentation in relation to the aims and objectives of the Draft Community Care Plan (1) indicating that it had been prepared in association with Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes, and (2) informing of the Public Consultation Exercise currently underway.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

PROPOSED PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE SHOTTS AND HARTHILL AREA

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting held on 4 November 1997 when, inter alia, that it had been agreed that a public meeting be held in mid-January 1998 to discuss proposals for establishing one Community Forum, there was submitted a report dated 10 December 1997 by the Liaison Director (1) advising that after consultation with the Convener, a public meeting would be held in the Community Education Centre, Shotts on Wednesday, 18 February 1998 at 7 pm, and (2) intimating that all community groups and voluntary organisations identified for Shotts and Harthill had been invited and had been asked to register for attendance by Monday, 19 January 1998.

Decided: that the arrangements for the public meeting on 18 February 1998 to discuss proposals for establishing a Community Forum for the Shotts and Harthill Area be noted.

FUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

3. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that the allocation of resources available for the establishment of community forums and related activities in the current financial year be approved, there was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 by the Chief Executive in this respect (1) reiterating that one of the major tasks of the Area Committees was the establishment and support of Community Forums; (2) detailing the notional core budget and financial formula in the current financial year, in which Shotts and Harthill area would receive £1,500; (3) advising that authority for approving expenditure for each area was delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and accessed by the relevant Liaison Director, and (4) intimating that the cost associated with community involvement and other aspects of the Decentralisation Scheme for the financial year commencing April 1998 would be considered as part of the budget setting process for 1998/99.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

AREA PROFILES - THE WAY FORWARD

4. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 November 1997 when, *inter alia*, the aims and objectives of Area Profiles and the timescale of June 1998 had been agreed, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) outlining the background to and the aims and objectives of Area Profiles; (2) detailing the approach which Area Committees may consider for obtaining information for Area Profiles, and (3) intimating that the draft schedule of indicative content and the timescale for Area Profiles was set out as an Appendix to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the aims, objectives, arrangements and timescale for the production of Area Profiles be noted;
- (2) that the indicative content of Area Profiles as set out within the Appendix to the report be approved;
- (3) that the Liaison Director plan the task of gathering information for the profile with the Area Team, and
- (4) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF OF RATES FOR LICENSED CLUBS

5. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 6 November, 1997 when it had been agreed to continue a report by the Director of Finance on the discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs pending the submission of the report to the Area Committees for their views, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 October 1997 by the Director of Finance regarding discretionary relief of rates for licensed clubs.

Decided:

- (1) that the comments from this Area Committee be that the revised formula set out in the report should be introduced for the calculation of relief, and
- (2) that the scheme should be widened to include British Legion Clubs, subject to clarification of their legal status.

REVIEW OF INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997 when the Committee agreed, *inter alia*, that a comprehensive review of the Interim Community Grants Scheme be undertaken and that Area Committees consider the issues identified in the review framework and to make recommendations on the future operation of the Scheme, there was submitted a report dated 19 November 1997 by the Chief Executive in this connection.

Decided:

- (1) that the principles of the Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance as detailed within the report be adopted to assist with the process of review;
- (2) that the comments from the previous meeting of the Area Committee held on 4 November 1997 (a) "that the documentation supplied by applicants be simplified", and (b) "that the emphasis be put on the availability of relevant staff to meet and help potential applicants" be re-affirmed as part of further consideration of the report on the Community Grants Scheme, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 1997 wherein there were applications continued under the Interim Community Grant Scheme, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 December 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) detailing applications continued from Shotts and Harthill Area Committee meeting of 4 November 1997, new applications received, and applications for Service Enhancements.

Decided: that the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:-

Group:	Centra L, Shotts - SHO/CG97/98-335
Purpose of Application:	To assist with running costs and purchase of new equipment
Grant Requested:	£500 (previously issued with cheque for £50)
Decision:	Continued

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Group: Eastfield and Harthill Amateur Flute Band - SHO/CG97/98-546

Purpose of Application: Purchase and repair of existing flutes

Grant Requested: £800

Decision: Agreed £300

Group: Calderhead High School PTA - SHO/CG97/98-547

Purpose of Application: To raise funds for School Minibus

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: Agreed £1,000

Group: Harthill Bowling Club - SHO/CG97/98-449

Purpose of Application: New Winners and Honours Board in Clubhouse and Mats

Grant Requested: £200

Decision: Agreed £100

Group: Shotts Gala Day - SHO/CG97/98-450

Purpose of Application: To help with expenses incurred with organising Gala Day

Grant Requested: £250

Decision: Agreed £250

Group: Dykehead Amateur Flute Band - SHO/CG97/98-451

Purpose of Application: Internal refurbishment/decoration of band hall premises

Grant Requested: £1,750

Decision: Agreed £900

Group: Shotts Local History Group - SHO/CG97/98-453

Purpose of Application: Publishing book

Grant Requested: £2,000

Decision: Agreed £400

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Group:	St. Patrick's Parish Band, Shotts - SHO/CG97/98-481
Purpose of Application:	Towards the general upkeep costs incurred annually ie Conductor's fees, transport costs etc.
Grant Requested:	£2,000
Decision:	Agreed £900
Group:	Calderhead Pre-5 Playgroup - SHO/CG97/98-482
Purpose of Application:	Towards running costs, purchase equipment - tables, storage cupboards
Grant Requested:	£1,000
Decision:	Agreed £150
Group:	Benhar Primary School Board - SHO/CG97/98-624
Purpose of Application:	To provide for Children's Christmas Parties
Grant Requested:	£250
Decision:	Agreed £100
Group:	Shotts Garden Competition - SHO/SE97/98-2
Purpose of Application:	To assist with cost of Annual Shotts Garden Competition
Grant Requested:	£150 (previously issued with cheque for £50)
Decision:	Agreed £100

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - PROPOSALS FOR USE OF TOP SLICED ALLOCATION

8. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 1997 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that the Liaison Director, in consultation with the Chief Executive, prepare a report for the next meeting of this Committee on options available to determine the allocation of the Area Committee Top Sliced Allocation of £3,150, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 December 1997 by the Chief Executive (1) outlining the background to and the potential use of the top sliced allocation of £3,150 (2) detailing the criteria for consideration of grant; (3) proposing that in order to identify potential projects, all Council Departments should be contacted to seek their views on specific areas of operation they would wish to see drawn to the attention of the Committee, and (4) informing that the top sliced allocation could be used in relation to departmental service delivery, on specific initiatives considered as a high priority for funding and on initiatives where Community Grant funding could be used for match funding.

Decided:

- (1) that the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Liaison Director, be authorised to progress arrangements as detailed within the report;
- (2) that recommendations be made at the next Area Committee in respect of the area-wide projects which would assist voluntary and community groups in the Shotts and Harthill Area to widen the scope of their activity, or which provide an additional service or tackle a particular priority, and
- (3) that the timetable for the implementation of projects as detailed in the report be agreed.

SERVICE PLANS 1998/99

9. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 December 1997 when the Committee had agreed, *inter alia*, that consideration of the report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Summaries of the Service Plans be remitted to the Area Committees for their interest, there were submitted the report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Summaries of Departmental Service Plans.

Decided: that the terms of the report and the Executive Summaries be noted.