

ITEM No. 1 A

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEEAPPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME PARTNERSHIP MANAGER FOR THE
ARBROATH COMMUNITY REGENERATION INITIATIVE

Report by the Chief Executive and Director of Personnel

ABSTRACT

This Report recommends the appointment of a part-time Partnership Manager to support the work of the Arbroath Community Regeneration Partnership.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- (i) the Policy and Resources Committee approve the terms of this Report for its interest;
- (ii) the Personnel and Property Services Committee agree to the establishment of a part-time (15 hours) Partnership Manager, Grade AP4 to support the work of the Arbroath Community Regeneration Partnership for a fixed term period to terminate on 31st March 2000.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Members will recall that Officers reported to them the success of a bid for Scottish Office Urban Programme monies in respect of the development of a Community Regeneration Strategy within the Strathairlie/Warddykes part of Arbroath.

At the time when Council Officers reported on the success of that application, they indicated that their preference was to utilise the available resources from the Scottish Office for the provision of direct services to the residents of that area.

Over the first year of the project, however, it has become apparent that:-

- (a) the demand for ongoing monitoring and evaluation information from the Scottish Office has become over-burdening;

- (b) the work of the partnership requires more time and attention than that which can be given by Officers of the Council currently involved in that activity; and
- (c) that the Scottish Office are keen to encourage each of the Community Regeneration/Priority Partnership areas to have dedicated Officers' support in respect of the regeneration activities.

3. PROPOSAL

Following discussion with other members of the Partnership, it is now suggested that the Council proceed with the appointment of a part-time (15 hours) Partnership Manager post, Grade AP4. The post would be based in Arbroath, and work jointly with the Policy Officer in the Chief Executive's Department and the Director of Property Services who has agreed to take on responsibility for project management. The post would be established on a fixed term basis up to the end of the current funding life of the Partnership.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that the cost of such an appointment would be £12,000 per annum with a cost of £10,000 being incurred in the first year (1998/99). As indicated, the appointment would be on a fixed term basis up to the end of the current funding life of the Partnership. The funding for this initiative would be eligible for 75% grant from the Scottish Office Community Regeneration Grant. The balance funding can be contained within the Miscellaneous Service Section of the Council's Revenue Budget.

5. CONSULTATION

The Director of Property Services, Director of Finance, Director of Law and Administration and partners of the Arbroath Community Regeneration Initiative have been consulted during the preparation of this Report.

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Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report.