

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
22 AUGUST 2000PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
29 AUGUST 2000JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL
ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL POST OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION WORKER**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks approval to establish a professional Community Education Worker post to support the development of Community /Lifelong Learning within the rural Glens area of Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Education Committee is asked to note and approve the terms of this report for its interest.
- b) The Personnel and Property Services Committee is asked to approve the establishment of one post of Community Education Worker, CEW Grade (scp 23 – 31)

2. BACKGROUND

Since September 1998 a Community Education Worker has been seconded to the ESF funded 'Building Blocks' Project covering the Angus Glens.

During this time excellent progress has been made in supporting local groups to gain the skills and knowledge to strengthen their own communities,

Achievements to date: Communities carrying out their own SWOT analyses, development of local exchange trading schemes, completion of funding applications, computer training and the local management of 6 local learning centres in village halls (Grampian TV Adult Learners Award Winner)

This area has not previously received ongoing assistance from the Community Education Service other than via the EU funded project. The ESF funding comes to an end on 31 December 2000.

The proposed Community Education Worker post will build on the success of Building Blocks in order to sustain and develop the implementation of both the Angus Rural and Community Learning Strategies in an area covering 1/3rd of the area of Angus.

3. PROPOSAL

It is proposed to establish a professional Community Education Worker post with effect from 1 October 2000. The post-holder will be based in the new CES accommodation in Fairlie House, Kirriemuir once it is fully operational.

Tasks will include:

- Continued support to the six village halls committees who are operating Local Learning Centres
- Support to management/editorial group for the Angus Glens Websites

- Support community capacity building working in partnership with other educational providers to promote Community/Lifelong Learning.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of this proposal will result in an estimated cost of £12,698 in 2000/2001 and £26,031 in 2001/2002 for which there is provision within the Education Department's revenue budget.

5. CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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Background Papers

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 on to any material extent in preparing the above report.