

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 13 JANUARY 2003**

REPORT ON: EQUALITY ACTION FUND II 2002-2003

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 8-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the Equality Action Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award will be met from the Department's revenue budget 2002-2003.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The awards will improve access to skills, knowledge and information and/or contribute to achieving the Council's vision of self-sustaining, secure and healthy communities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Grant assistance is awarded to groups which promote social inclusion and contribute to equalling opportunities within the City.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 At its meeting on 10 February 1997, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Department's grant aid portfolio (Report No 127/1997 refers).

6.2 Report No 782-2002 approved 11 November 2002 authorised the Council Equality Task Groups to undertake community consultation on the content of the Council's interim Equality Policy, Standard and Schemes to enable final comments to be drafted by the summer of 2003. This consultation is a legal requirement placed on the Council by the Commission of Racial Equality on behalf of the Scottish Executive.

6.3 Detailed below is the recommendation for a specific grant award.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
Equality Action Task Groups	To provide and organise community consultation on the content of the Council's revised Equality Schemes ie Policy & Standard.	2,500	2,500	2,500

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance and Support Services.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 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.

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