

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Director of Education & Cultural Services

Community Participation Committee Meeting Wednesday 7th December 2005

Subject: West Dunbartonshire Community Learning Development (& Guidance) Partnership – Community Representation

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** This report explains the background to the West Dunbartonshire Community Learning, Development (& Guidance) Partnership and requests that the Community Participation Committee considers nominating up to 4 of its community members as representatives on the Partnership.

2. Background

- 2.1** In January 2004 the Scottish Executive produced, “Working & Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities – Guidance for Community Learning and Development”.
- 2.2** This guidance documents identifies the requirement for each local authority to establish a Community Learning and Development Partnership and produce a Strategy covering a minimum period of 3 years.
- 2.3** Each Community Learning Development Strategy is expected to reflect the 3 National Priorities for Community Learning and Development i.e. Achievement Through Learning for Adults; Achievement Through Learning for Young People; Achievement Through Building Community Capacity. The Strategy is also expected to underpin the Community Planning process and produce Action Plans detailing how the Strategy will be made operational.
- 2.4** Following extensive consultation, the 5 year West Dunbartonshire Strategy, “Working and Learning Together – Community Learning Development and Guidance, A Strategy for West Dunbartonshire 2005 – 2010”, was launched in May 2005. It was agreed that the local Community Guidance Action Plan should be included as an appendix.

2.5 Feedback from Learning Connections, the community learning and development arm of Communities Scotland, describes the West Dunbartonshire Strategy as “A comprehensive, detailed and logically presented document that benefits from extensive data and background information in support of partnership developments and associated strategies”.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The former Community Learning Partnership has been reconfigured to create a new Community Learning Development (& Guidance) Partnership group.

3.2 The role of the Partnership is to oversee the implementation of the Strategy and monitor, evaluate and report on the progress being achieved by the Partnership’s associated Action Plan Groups i.e. the Adult Learning Action Plan Group; the Young Peoples Action Plan Group; the Community Capacity Action Plan Group; the Adult Literacy & Numeracy Action Plan Group; the Community Guidance Action Plan Group.

3.3 The membership of the Partnership includes a range of Council and partner agencies with a remit for provision of community learning and development services.

3.4 The community representatives on the former Community Learning Partnership are no longer available to continue their involvement.

3.5 Members of the Partnership recognise the importance and value that community representation brings to the work of the group and are keen to ensure this continues.

3.6 The wide range of community groups and organisations represented on the Council’s Community Participation Committee is recognised by Partnership members. On this basis it has been agreed that an invitation should be extended to CPC Community members to nominate up to 4 of their representatives to become members of the Community Learning, Development (& Guidance) Partnership.

3.7 The Partnership meets on a quarterly basis and meetings are held during the day. Transport costs can be reimbursed and crèche facilities can be provided. Officer support can be provided in relation to briefings and information.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Community Participation Committee nominates up to 4 Community representatives to sit on the Community Learning Development (& Guidance) Partnership.

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Background Papers:

- Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities – Scottish Executive Guidance for Community Learning and Development – Jan 2004.
- Working & Learning Together – Community Learning Development & Guidance - A Strategy for West Dunbartonshire 2005-2010 May 2005.

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