

Report

Report to:	Social Work Resources
Date of Meeting:	28 June 2006
Report by:	Executive Director (Social Work Resources)

Subject:	East Kilbride Befriending Project
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval to negotiate a contract with East Kilbride Befriending Project for the provision of a befriending service.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a three year contract be negotiated with East Kilbride Befriending Project for £52,000 per annum for the provision of a befriending service.

3. Background

- 3.1. East Kilbride Befriending Project is a local organisation providing a valuable preventative service. The service currently provides a maximum of 25 befriending matches per year, in addition to a groupwork service for 10 young people with a severe learning disability.
- 3.2. The service offers the Council value for money when compared to the costs of other befriending services available.
- 3.3. It is not proposed to enter into competitive tendering processes for this service as permitted by Standing Order 12.5 as
- the providers have existing management structures and premises within the local community and the overall price is reasonable and achieves value for money in line with Standing Order 2.6 of the Standing Orders on Contracts;
 - the provider is a long established voluntary organisation who has demonstrated their ability to work in partnership with the Council, and to provide a valued service to their local community;
 - they currently provide these services and have established relationships with the individuals who utilise the services

4. Proposals

4.1. The services that will be provided are:

- 25 befriending pairs at any one time and weekly groupwork support for up to 10 young people with special needs.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no personnel implications for the Council arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. Costs will be met from existing budgets.

7. Other Implications

7.1. None

8. Consultation

8.1. Consultation was held with local stakeholders of the Befriending Project.

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22 May 2006

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Supporting Our Communities
- Living in the Community

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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