

REPORT TO: POLICY COMMITTEE ON 5 MARCH 2008

**SUBJECT: SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM AGAINST
POVERTY**

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to consider a request for financial assistance from the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section A(1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to considering the financial and budgetary policy of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee consider the application for a grant from the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty and if agreed the fee will be met from the Small Grants Budget for 2007/08.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A request has been received from the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty for affiliation fees for 2008/09. The affiliation is based on a population determined formula and in Moray's case this amounts to £870.00. Copies of the Forum's recent Annual Report and their Bulletin containing information regarding the work which is carried out by the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty is available in the Members Library.
- 3.2 At the meeting of The Moray Council on 9th May 2007 (para 9 of the minute refers), Councillor D. Stewart was appointed as the Council's representative on the Forum.
- 3.3 At the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 29 March 2006 (para 23 of the Minute refers) an award of £870 was made for 2005/06 and £870 for 2006/07.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

None

(b) Policy and Legal

None

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Part 3 Section 20,21 & 22 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 provides members with the legislative framework under which grants from budget are made.

If agreed the fee will be met from the Small Grants Budget for 2007/08. **Appendix 1** provides details of the Small Grants Budget.

(d) Consultations

The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted and concurs with the recommendations of the report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That the Committee considers the request from the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty for affiliation fees.

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Background Papers: Letter and invoice from Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty

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