

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Drumshangie Extension to Dalmacoultter - Further Investigative Works
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 31st March, 1998. Ref: GB/MC	

PROPOSED DECISION

To authorise the expenditure for the additional investigative boreholes required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that the sum required is £35,000.

REPORT

- Members will recall, from a previous report to Committee, agreeing to authorise the Department to enter into negotiations with GM Mining and Scottish Coal regarding two areas for future landfill, one to the North and one to the South of Dykehead Road both within the Drumshangie Opencast Site.
- These negotiations have been proceeding but have come to a point whereby the Department, to maximise the area of the two possible voids, requires additional geological information with regard to a coal seam below the base of the site. This seam, the Black Band Seam, depending on its depth and the condition of the working, may pose a threat to the stability of the base of any future landfill site.

It is therefore proposed to sink a series of bores to determine the depth and condition of this seam at an estimated cost of £35,000. As the Department has no budget for this proposed landfill site additional funds are requested to carry out this work to allow negotiations to proceed.

Members should be aware that until this information is known there is little point in continuing to negotiate with Scottish Coal and GM Mining.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee approve the expenditure of £35,000 to allow the investigation work to proceed.

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