

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Pennington - Notification by SOEAFD of Additional Funding.
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 4th January, 1999 Ref: GB/TM	

PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report.

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A letter has been received from the Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department (SOEAFD) advising the Council that the additional monies, provided to local authorities as a result of the Pennington Report and which was initially for a temporary period of three years to the year 1999/2000, has now been made available for a further period, for the years 2000/2002.

The letter also advises that the level of funding which was due to fall in the next financial year will now continue at its original level.

The letter reminds local authorities that while this funding is not ring-fenced it has to be allocated to specific targets as outlined in the Pennington Report:

- 1) Increased frequency of inspections of high risk premises.
- 2) Encouraging high risk businesses to incorporate the seven principles of HACCP and the training of Environmental Health Officers in HACCP.
- 3) The funding of a senior Environmental Health Officer to head food safety and the introduction of electronic transmission of food safety notifications.

The total allocation to Scottish local authorities for the next financial year is £2.6 million, of which North Lanarkshire's share is to be £141,517.

Recommendation.

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