

COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>To: REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>		<b>Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL KEY FUND</b>
<b>From: HEAD OF REGERATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Date: 17 February 2010</b>	<b>Ref: 1498</b>	

**1 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to: (1) provide an annual update on the progress of the Environmental Key Fund; and (2) provide information on proposed changes to membership of the Environmental Key Fund.

**2 Background**

2.1 The object of the Environmental Key Fund (EKF) is to distribute grant funding arising from Landfill Tax Credits to not-for-profit organisations operating across North Lanarkshire in line with criteria set out by ENTRUST, the Landfill Communities Fund regulator.

2.2 The EKF was originally set up in 2004 but, as reported to committee in January 2009, it was restructured in early 2009 so that it:

- is now governed by three member organisations: North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), Council for Voluntary Services North Lanarkshire (CVSNL) and Central Scotland Forest Trust (CSFT).
- has a board comprising of a maximum of seven directors: one representative from each member organisation and a maximum of four co-opted directors from the private, public and voluntary sector.

**3. EKF Update**

3.1 Over the last accounting year (January – December 2009), the EKF received £236,374 in landfill tax credits and had project grant expenditure of £114,849 and administration costs of £17,024.

3.2 Added to this, following the successful re-launch of this fund in June 2009, the board of the EKF committed a further grant funding of £100,785 for four projects in October 2009.

**4. Change of Membership**

4.1 Following plans for the winding up of CVSNL as part of its merger with the North Lanarkshire Volunteer Centre, CVSNL have indicated their intention to resign as members of the EKF.

4.2 It has been proposed by the EKF that the new company to be created from the merger of CVSNL and the North Lanarkshire Volunteer Centre, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, be invited to become members of this company as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

**5. Recommendations**

It is recommended that members:

- i) note the progress of the EKF over the last accounting year.

- ii) note proposals of the EKF to invite Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire to become a member organisation of the EKF.



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