

**Motherwell, 17 February 2010 at 10 am.**

A Meeting of the **REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Curran, Vice-Convenor; Councillors Fagan, Higgins, Homer, Irvine, Kelly, J. Love, Lunny, Lyle, McAuley, McElroy, H. McGuigan, McWilliams, O'Brien, Pentland, Stewart, Annette Valentine and Welsh.

**CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Maginnis (Convenor) Councillor Curran presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Head of Regeneration Services, Community Regeneration Manager, Economic Development Manager, Physical Regeneration and Funding Manager and an Accountant.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Logue, Maginnis, Shevlin and Smith.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. Councillor Curran declared a non-financial interest in paragraphs 17, 18, 27 and 28 below by reason of being a Director of Routes to Work, Councillor Pentland declared a non-financial interest in paragraph 23 below by reason of being a Director of Environmental Key Fund and Councillor Homer declared a non-financial interest in paragraph 24 below by reason of being a Director of Cumbernauld Housing Association.

**LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**(1) COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 19 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 19 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**(2) MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**(3) WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**(4) AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**(5) NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 21 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of North Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 21 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**(6) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

7. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 21 January 2010.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 21 January 2010 be approved and noted.

**QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) advising of those areas of activity of Regeneration Services within Quarter 3, October to December 2009, in which performance falls outwith agreed thresholds, and (2) providing details thereon, together with actions planned to achieve agreed thresholds.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**REGENERATION STATEMENT 2008-2012 MID TERM REVIEW**

9. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 March 2008, when the contents of the North Lanarkshire Council Regeneration Statement 2008-2012 were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) advising of the mid term review of that Regeneration Statement; (2) detailing the background relevant thereto; (3) indicating that the Statement committed the Council to

monitor and review progress of key issues identified in the Statement, and (4) providing details of the mid term review, as contained within the Appendix to the report.

**Decided:** that the key regeneration issues and priorities for North Lanarkshire for 2012 be noted.

**PAYMENT OF OVERTIME TO EMPLOYEES ON OR ABOVE SCP35**

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) seeking authority to pay overtime to employees earning spinal column point 35 or above, and (2) providing details thereon.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the payment of overtime for the employees earning spinal column point 35 or above be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Human Resources) Sub-Committee.

**REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 1 APRIL 2009 TO 29 JANUARY 2010 – REGENERATION SERVICES**

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 January 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services, (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April 2009 to 29 January 2010, expenditure and income against the estimates contained in the 2009/2010 budget for Regeneration Services including separate details in respect of (a) the Fairer Scotland Fund; (b) North Lanarkshire's Working (Community Planning Partnership), and (c) other economic regeneration projects, and (2) advising of a proposal to carry forward slippage of £739,996 in support of match funding of Phase 2 of North Lanarkshire's Working CPP.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposals to carry forward to 2010/2011, slippage totalling £739,996, as detailed in the report which will support the Council's match funding for phase 2 of North Lanarkshire's Working CPP, be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the contribution from the Fairer Scotland Fund of £399,000 to this sum to be carried forward will be the subject of approval by the Scottish Government, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Finance and Customer Services) Sub-Committee for its interests.

**REGENERATION SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/2010 - 1 APRIL 2009 TO 1 JANUARY 2010**

12. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services, detailing, for the period from 1 April 2009 to 1 January 2010, expenditure against the estimates contained in the 2009/2010 Capital Programme for Regeneration Services and providing details thereon.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**OUTCOME OF TENDERING PROCESS: BLAIRGROVE SHOPPING CENTRE, COATBRIDGE**

13. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Land Services (1) providing details of the tenders received in respect of the Environmental Improvements to the car park and arcade at Blairgrove Shopping Centre; (2) advising that the lowest tender received was that from JRB Construction Limited, in the sum of £66,340.92, and (3) further advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the tender by JRB Construction.

**Decided:** that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the lowest tender, being that submitted by JRB Construction Limited, in the sum of £66,340.92 for the Environmental Improvements to the car park and arcade at Blairgrove Shopping Centre be noted.

**CONTRACT AWARD - CAIRNHILL FOOTWAY, AIRDRIE**

14. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2010 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing details of the tenders received in respect of the construction of a new footway on the west side of Cairnhill Road, between Lanark Avenue and Cromarty Road, Airdrie; (2) advising that the lowest tender received was that from Maclay Civil Engineering Limited, in the sum of £41,135, and (3) further advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the tender by Maclay Civil Engineering Limited.

**Decided:** that the action taken, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the tender by Maclay Civil Engineering Limited in the sum of £41,135 be noted.

**OUTCOME OF TENDERING PROCESS: ROCHSOLES MULTISPORTS COURT**

15. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 2010 by the Head of Land Services (1) providing details of the tenders received in respect of the installation of a multisports court and associated pathworks, including the provision of lighting and the repair of existing steps at Crowhill Crescent, Airdrie; (2) advising that the lowest tender received was that from Stewart Landscapes, in the sum of £85,402.54, and (3) further advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the tender from Stewart Landscapes.

**Decided:** that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the lowest tender, being that submitted by Stewart Landscapes in the sum of £85,402.54 for the installation of a multisports court and associated pathworks, including the provision of lighting and the repair of existing steps at Crowhill Crescent, Airdrie be noted.

**GARDENSIDE LANE, BELLSHILL – APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR**

16. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing details of the tenders received for improvements to Gardenside Lane, Bellshill; (2) advising that the lowest tender received was that from Caley Construction, in the amended sum of £57,015.02, and (3) further advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the tender from Caley Construction.

**Decided:** that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the lowest tender, being that submitted by Caley Construction in the sum of £57,015.02 for the improvements to Gardenside Lane, Bellshill be noted.

**Councillor Curran declared a non-financial interest in the following two items of business by reason of being a Director of Routes to Work, vacated the Chair and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**Councillor Pentland assumed the Chair.**

#### **NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S WORKING - PROCUREMENT**

17. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing details of the tenders received for the provision of media buying services in North Lanarkshire; (2) advising that the highest scoring, on a price and quality criteria, as outlined in the tender documents, was that from the Media Shop, and (3) seeking authority to tender for a design framework agreement and an associated Public Relations contract as part of the 2010/2011 programme of activity.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, be authorised to accept the highest scoring tender, being that submitted by the Media Shop, in the sum not exceeding £100,000 for the provision of media buying services in North Lanarkshire, and
- (2) that the Head of Regeneration Services be authorised to tender for a design framework agreement and an associated Public Relations contract for 2010/2011.

#### **NLP EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE – SPECIALIST JOB BROKERAGE FUND (NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S WORKING ENGAGEMENT FUND)**

18. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) seeking approval to tender for the award of 12 contracts through the North Lanarkshire Partnership Specialist Job Brokerage Fund for the delivery of employability services within North Lanarkshire; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) outlining the progress with the current job brokerage fund contracts, and (4) indicating that the funding allocation of £300,000 was included within phase 2 of North Lanarkshire's Working funding award.

**Decided:** that tenders be invited for the award of 12 contracts through North Lanarkshire Partnership Specialist Job Brokerage Fund to organisations for the delivery of employability services within North Lanarkshire.

**Councillor Curran resumed the Chair.**

#### **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND**

19. With reference to paragraph 18 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 September 2009, when it was noted that the Scottish Government had made an award of £2.745m to this Council from their Town Centre Regeneration Fund, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an update on the implementation of the Town Centre Regeneration Fund; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) seeking approval for the continued implementation and delivery arrangements associated with the projects including the requirement to put in place legal agreements with a number of external

partners, and (4) outlining (a) within Appendix 1 of the report, projects approved for funding, and (b) within Appendix 2 of the report, an up-to-date funding plan for each project with the current proposed match funding sources.

**Decided:** that the report be approved and noted.

#### **CUMBERNAULD SIGNAGE STRATEGY - APPROVAL TO APPOINT CONTRACTOR**

20. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2010 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing an update on the progress of the Cumbernauld Town Centre Signage Strategy; (2) seeking approval to invite a specifically selected list of contractors to tender to deliver the project over a phased period, as and when funding becomes available; (3) detailing the background relative thereto, and (4) indicating that the delivery of the project will contribute to the Cumbernauld Town Centre Action Plan.

**Decided:** that the Head of Regeneration Services be authorised to invite a specifically selected list of contractors to tender to deliver the Cumbernauld Signage Strategy project over a phased period, as and when funding becomes available.

#### **FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING**

21. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 2009, when an update on the progress of the funding proposals for the Fairer Scotland Fund and Community Safety Fund was approved and noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) outlining a number of funding proposals for the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) and other associated funding streams; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating (a) that the original budget for the Fairer Scotland Fund for 2009/10 was £14,339,000, which with an additional carry forward from 2008/09, increased the budget to £16,043,342, and (b) that the commitments from the 2009/10 budget amounted to £15,835,805, which with the agreed carry forward of £207,535 into 2010/11 would mean that the 2009/10 budget was fully expended; (4) providing details of underspends in the Fairer Scotland Fund, and (5) recommending (a) that the Council allocate funding from the Credit Union Support Fund to eight applicants in the sum of £33,137, leaving a balance of £19,338; (b) that, in order that adequate administrative support is provided to allow the eight Community Forums to fulfil their role, £15,000 be allocated from the Fairer Scotland Fund leaving a balance of £415,558; (c) that authority be sought from the Scottish Government to carry this sum forward to 2010/11; (d) that the year end position of the Local Development Programme which was currently being finalised be noted; (e) that authority to agree accruals and carry forwards be permitted; (f) that the total budget for the 2009/10 Community Safety Fund was £735,116, with commitments totalling £632,990, leaving an unallocated balance of £102,126 returning to the Council, and (g) that the budget for the 2010/2011 Community Safety Fund had been revised to £402,198.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be approved and noted.

#### **FUNDING TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES**

22. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) advising of applications received from national and regional organisations for funding for the financial year 2010/11, as contained within the Appendix to the report; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) outlining the evaluation process for funding applications, and (4) indicating that Glasgow City Council recently notified the Council of some issues identified with West of Scotland Seniors Forum, which are currently being investigated.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the applications for funding as contained within the Appendix to the report, with the exception of that by the West of Scotland Seniors Forum, be agreed, and
- (2) that no award be made to the West of Scotland Seniors Forum.

**Councillor Pentland declared a non financial interest in the following item of business by reason of being a Director of the Environmental Key Fund and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL KEY FUND**

23. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 March 2009, when it was agreed that the Council become a member of the Environmental Key Fund, there was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an annual update on the progress of the Environmental Key Fund; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) advising that the Council for Voluntary Services North Lanarkshire was being wound up, with a new Company, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, being established, and (4) proposing to invite the new company to become a member of Environmental Key Fund.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress of the Environmental Key Fund be noted, and
- (2) that Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire be invited to become a member of the Environmental Key Fund.

**Councillor Homer declared an interest in the following item of business by reason of being a Director of Cumbernauld Housing Association and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND 2008-2011**

24. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 September 2009, when an update on the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) seeking approval for amendments to the 2008/2011 North Lanarkshire Vacant and Derelict Land Local Delivery Plan; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining in the Local Delivery Plan progress of the Programme and a number of proposed amendments to the Programme, as contained within the Appendix to the report.

**Decided:** that the amendments to the 2008/2011 Local Delivery Plan for the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund be approved.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUSINESS GATEWAY CONTRACT TARGETS 2009/10**

25. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 September 2009, when an addendum to the Business Gateway Contract was agreed, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) seeking approval for adjustments to performance targets for the delivery of the Business Gateway Contract for 2009/10; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining the proposed target changes, as contained within the Appendix to the report.

**Decided:** that the report be approved and noted.

**RAVENS CRAIG**

26. With reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 September 2009, when an update on the progress of the delivery of Phase 1 of the approved masterplan for the regeneration of the Ravenscraig site was noted, there was submitted a report dated 17 November 2009 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing a further update on progress of key actions to support and facilitate Phase 2 of that regeneration; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) outlining key actions to progress Phase 2; (4) indicating that Ernst and Young had been appointed to undertake a review of Phase 2, during which they had engaged with the Scottish Government, Scottish Futures Trust, Scottish Enterprise and Ravenscraig Limited to consider potential funding options, including Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and (5) advising that (a) Scottish Enterprise had offered to contribute £800,000 towards the costs of area planning briefs, and (b) upon a funding agreement being agreed between Ravenscraig Limited, Wilson Bowden, Scottish Enterprise and the Council, the area planning briefs will be procured through OJEU.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report be approved and noted, and
- (2) that the Head of Regeneration Services prepare a report for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee on Tax Increment Finance (TIF).

**Councillor Curran declared a non-financial interest in the following two items of business by reason of being a Director of Routes to Work, vacated the Chair and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**Councillor Pentland assumed the Chair.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ROUTES TO WORK LIMITED AND CHANGES TO THE COMPANY'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

27. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an update on the appointment of four Directors to the Board of Routes to Work and changes to the company's senior management structure; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining the recruitment process together with the changes to the senior management structure.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S WORKING CPP PHASE 2**

28. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an update on the result of the submission to the Lowlands and Uplands Scotland (LUPS) European Structure Fund Programme for a Phase 2 continuation of the North Lanarkshire's Working CPP to March 2011 with funding for a "tail" to July 2011 to allow participants to finish their training courses; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that (a) the ministerial announcement on continuing funding totalling £16.08m for the CPPs was made on January 2010, and (b) North Lanarkshire CPP had been awarded £2,147,804 of ESF and £1,315,659 ERDF funding, leaving an overall shortfall, and (4) setting out options for the implementation of Phase 2 of North Lanarkshire's Working should the shortfall be unmet.



**Decided:**

- (1) that North Lanarkshire Council, on behalf of North Lanarkshire Partnership accept the Scottish Government's grant award of £2,147,804 from ESF and £1,315,659 ERDF;
- (2) that the slippage in the Programme of £793,996 to support the match funding of Phase 2 of North Lanarkshire's Working Community Planning Partnership be noted;
- (3) that the ongoing discussions with the Scottish Government with regard to the Programme be noted, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

**Councillor Curran resumed the Chair.**

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE ECONOMIC UPDATE**

29. With reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 2009, when an update on the condition of the North Lanarkshire economy was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an update on the impact of the economic recession on the number of Jobseeker Allowance claimants; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that the number of Jobseeker Allowance claimants had continued to increase, and now totalled 11,131; (4) advising of recent initiatives undertaken by Regeneration Services in response to the challenges posed by the economic downturn, and (5) outlining, in the Appendix to the report, the number of Jobseeker Allowance claimants in each electoral ward.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT**

30. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) advising of the scale of Youth Unemployment across North Lanarkshire; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that, outside Glasgow, North Lanarkshire had the highest level of youth unemployment, and (4) further advising that a number of national and locally administered programmes had been introduced to address this issue, as outlined within Appendix 2 to the report.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO THE RECESSION AND CHANGING DEMANDS FOR SMALL MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMES)**

31. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) advising of the changes in North Lanarkshire Council's Business Support Services and Budgets in response to the recession and the changing demands from Small Medium Enterprises (SMES); (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) setting out the impact of the economic downturn on existing businesses and those wishing to start their own business; (4) outlining the performance of Business Gateway, and (5) further advising of the changes to programmes in response to the recession, and seeking approval of proposals for new grant programmes.

**Decided:** that the report be approved and noted.

**FUTURE JOBS FUND UPDATE**

32. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 November 2009, when the implementation of the Future Jobs Fund was approved, there was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) providing an update on North Lanarkshire Partnership's progress in implementing the Fund; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) setting out the operational aspects of the implementation, together with details of Phase 2, and (4) containing, within the appendix to the report, a number of Future Jobs Fund case studies.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**CONFERENCES**

33. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services advising that three invitations, coming under the remit of this Committee, have been received in respect of Member attendance at conferences and seeking consideration of these invitations.

**Decided:**

- (1) that attendance at the undernoted conference be authorised:-

<b>Conference</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Welfare to Work Convention 2010	Liverpool	1-2 July 2010	Two Members

and

- (2) that otherwise no attendance be authorised.