

EXCERPT OF MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON
2 MAY 2000NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

29. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2000 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising (a) that, as part of the development of a Strategy for Young People, his Department had been supporting a number of young people in terms of the Council's commitment to young people's participation and involvement in the decision-making process; (b) that the participation and involvement of these young persons was ongoing and they had assisted his Department in organising a Conference for young people relating to the development of the Council's Youth Strategy; (c) that, in addition to other areas of youth work, these young persons had been nominated to attend the Annual General Meeting and stand for election to the Scottish Youth Parliament which took place on 11 and 12 March 2000, and (d) that all ten young persons were elected as members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and, in addition, six were elected to the Scottish Youth Parliament's Executive Group, and (2) indicating that an estimated sum of £8,000 was required in relation to the arrangements and participation of these young persons in the Scottish Youth Parliament and that this sum could be accommodated from within the Department of Community Services 2000/2001 Revenue Budget.

Decided:

- (1) that a sum of £8,000 be allocated from within the Department of Community Services' 2000/2001 Revenue Budget to cover the incurred costs of travel, accommodation, training and administration relative to the participation of young persons within North Lanarkshire in the Scottish Youth Parliament's election;
- (2) that the report be referred to the Social Inclusion and Area Committees for information and interest, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER OF SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 14/03/2000	Ref: RMcH/MC	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the sub-committee of a request from the ten members of the Scottish Youth Parliament from the North Lanarkshire area for financial assistance to assist with representing the area at the Scottish Youth Parliament.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the development of a strategy for young people the department of community services has been supporting a number of individuals in terms of the council's commitment to young people's participation and involvement in the decision making process. Their involvement is ongoing and they have assisted the department in organising a conference for young people relating to the development of the council's strategy.
- 2.2 Among other things these young people were nominated to attend the Annual General Meeting and stand for election to the Scottish Youth Parliament which took place on 11 and 12 March 2000. All ten young people were elected as members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and in addition six were elected to the Parliament's executive group.

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are a number of resource implications related to the election of the young people to the Youth Parliament. Travel, accommodation, training and development and administration costs will require to be met in order that all of these young people can fully participate as elected members. All of the young people will attend meetings of the Youth Parliament in Edinburgh three times a year and the six Executive Group members will be involved in meetings over and above those of the Youth Parliament.
- 3.2 The young people will continue to receive support from community services staff but there will be a requirement to identify resources for the purposes highlighted above. Approximate costings have been made in terms of supporting the ten members of the Scottish Youth Parliament over the next year. It is estimated that a sum of £8,000 would be required. This can be accommodated within existing departmental resources for 2000/2001.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the sub-committee:

- (i) approve the allocation of a sum of £8,000 to support travel, accommodation, training and administration costs associated with North Lanarkshire young people's involvement in the Scottish Youth Parliament
- (ii) refer the report to social inclusion and area committees for information and interest
- (iii) otherwise note the content of the report

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