

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE EXPENSES
From: AREA TEAM LEADER		
Date: 5 NOVEMBER 2001	Ref: KF/MB	

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report recommends a way forward for developing the Area Committee and to utilise the £1,000 revenue allocation.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The report entitled "Review Group of Local Government Modernisation" submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee by the Chief Executive on 29 August 2000, outlined the development of the Area Committee role with Service Directors presenting information on their Department and its functions to the Area Committee and Area Forum.

2.2 As a result of this report, the lead support provided to each Area Committee was reallocated from a Service Director to an Area Team Leader, effective February, 2001.

2.3 No Officer meetings have taken place on a regular basis to support the Area Committee to-date, with only individual or small group meetings taking place to resolve specific issues.

2.4 The report entitled "Community Forum Expenses" submitted to the Community Services Committee by the Director of Community Services on 10 May, 2001 allocated £1,000 to Bellshill & District Area and £750 to the Bellshill & District Community Forum.

**3.0 THE WAY FORWARD**

3.1 The Area Committee meets regular on an 8 week cycle and deals with matters on the Agenda appropriately. The Agenda is informed by feedback from the Area Forum and Officers of the Council.

3.2 An Officer Team for Bellshill & District Area is scheduled to have its first meeting on 29 November, 2001 by which time area profile information will be available to assist in the shaping of an area or locality plan. It is envisaged that this Officer Team will also generate agenda items for Committee consideration.

3.3 The £1,000 revenue allocation could be used for the following:

- Venue costs
- Catering provision
- Advertising (Leaflets, Posters, Adverts)
- Support community capacity building (encourage participation in Forum and Area Committee)
- Sponsor initiatives that increase public awareness of the Committee's business.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 That Committee note contents of this report.

4.2 That a further report expanding on matters be presented to the Committee at a subsequent meeting, following the establishment of an Officer Team.

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