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Motherwell, 26th October, 1995 at 4 pm.

A Meeting of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Curran, Chair; Councillor Connelly, Vice-Chair; Councillors Beekman, Gray, H. McGuigan, R. McKenna, McKeown, Mathieson, G. Murray, Pentland, Robertson, Ross, Shaw and Stocks.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration, Director of Planning and Development, Head of Business Development and Property and Assistant Chief Executive (Policy).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Brooks, E. Burns, Coyle, McElroy and Sullivan.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. With reference to paragraph 202 of the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Council held on 31st August, 1995, there were submitted draft proposals relative to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Decided: That consideration of the draft Terms of Reference be approved on a provisional basis and remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL JOINT WORKING REPORTS

2. There were submitted reports (1) by the Economic Development Working Group which had been considered by the North Lanarkshire Council Joint Working Group, and (2) dated 18th October, 1995 by the Director of Planning and Development, containing details of progress which had been made on the integration of the various functions of his Department.

Decided:

- (1) That the contents of the reports by the Working Group and the Director of Planning and Development be noted, and
- (2) That the Director of Planning and Development be authorised to prepare and submit reports at the appropriate times outlining the progress being made in each of the functional areas with a view to further policy decisions being taken.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES - EUROPEAN FUNDING

3. There was submitted a report dated 5th October, 1995 by the Director of Planning and Development, regarding transitional arrangements to ensure continuity of European grant support from the European Social and Regional Development Funds for business development programmes inherited from the constituent authorities.

Decided:

- (1) That the Director of Planning and Development submit a further report highlighting transitional programme issues, and
- (2) That it be noted that Strathclyde Regional Council will forward the provisional bids for European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund in the current round of European funding.