

TERMS OF REFERENCE

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) To direct and supervise the discharge of the functions of the Council in relation to the Industrial and Economic Development of North Lanarkshire, including the use of all of the powers and influence of the Council to facilitate the generation, attraction, retention and expansion of industry and commerce within North Lanarkshire in order to maximise employment opportunities and optimise the economic prospects of North Lanarkshire and its inhabitants;
- (2) To monitor unemployment levels in North Lanarkshire and review, on a regular basis, the overall performance of the local economy including developments and trends;
- (3) To consider, determine, monitor and develop the Council's Economic and Industrial Development plans;
- (4) To liaise with agencies and organisations which can assist in the development or implementation of the policies of the Council in relation to industrial and economic development or which can assist in minimising levels of unemployment;
- (5) To exercise the functions of the Council in relation to the provision of financial assistance under the Inner Urban Areas legislation and the Council's Small Business Assistance Scheme;
- (6) To develop and supervise policies and arrangements to provide and to promote conferences, trade fairs and exhibitions within North Lanarkshire, for this purpose, to liaise with other agencies and to co-ordinate the necessarily ancillary activities of the Council to promote tourism within North Lanarkshire;
- (7) To oversee the promotion of North Lanarkshire;
- (8) To monitor, on behalf of the Council, the activities of all bodies to which the Council makes financial contribution in respect of activities for the creation or maintenance of employment within North Lanarkshire;
- (9) To maximise the use of external sources of finance to assist in the achievement of the economic and industrial objectives of the Council
- (10) To approve expenditure and capital schemes coming within the remit of this Committee within the approved capital programme and within approved Council objectives and to accept tenders for previously approved projects within the responsibility of this Committee, and
- (11) To grant authority to members to attend seminars, conferences and other visits concerning matters within the areas of responsibility of this Committee.