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Motherwell, 14 March 1996 at 4 pm.

A Meeting of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Curran, Chair; Councillor Connelly, Vice-Chair; Councillors Beekman, Coyle, Gray, Lucas, H. McGuigan, McKeown, Macleod, Mathieson, G. Murray, Pentland, Robertson, Shaw and Sullivan.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services, Director of Planning and Development, Head of Economic Development and Property and Assistant Chief Executive (Policy).

APOLOGY

Councillor Wallace.

SCHEME OF DELEGATED POWERS

1. There was submitted a report (docketed and tabled) dated 14 March by the Director of Planning and Development setting out a proposed interim Scheme of Delegated Powers to senior officers

Decided: that the proposed interim Scheme of Delegated Powers, as detailed in the Director of Planning and Development's report, be approved for consideration by the Council.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 March 1996 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) outlining the main areas of business development activity which are currently operated by the existing local authorities, and (2) advising

where

savings can most appropriately be met with a minimal effect on service.

Decided:

- (1) that the budgets for business development projects, as outlined in the Appendix to the Director of Planning and Development's report, be approved;
- (2) that the change from core to project funding for outside economic development organisations be approved, and
- (3) that the Director of Planning and Development submit to

a future meeting a full report on Chryston Business Park.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION STATE AID RULES

(1) STATE AIDS SEMINAR

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 1996 by the Director of Planning and Development advising on the rules of state and notification, and detailing various matters which had been considered at a Seminar which had been held on 11 January 1996 and organised by the Scottish Office and which provided information concerning the State Aid Rules as they relate to local authorities.

Decided:that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) GUIDANCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

4. There was submitted a letter dated 19 February 1996 from the Scottish Office, Education and Industry Department, enclosing a copy of a guidance note to local authorities on European Commission State Aid Rules.

Decided:that the terms of the letter and guidance note from the Scottish Office, Education and Industry Department be noted.

STRATHCLYDE DEFENCE INDUSTRIES WORKING PARTY

5. There was submitted a letter received on 12 February 1996 from the Scottish Trades Union Congress requesting that the Council agree to participate in the Strathclyde Defence Industries Working Party following reorganisation.

Decided:that the invitation from the Scottish Trades Union Congress to participate in the Strathclyde Defence Industries Working Party be approved.

INDUSTRIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 March 1996 by Director of Planning and Development seeking approval for expenditure for a marketing campaign for industrial units and sites in the Lanarkshire Enterprise Zone.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and

- (2) that the expenditure of \$30,000 for the proposed Enterprise Zone Campaign, as detailed in the Director of Planning and Development's report, be approved.

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES -
MEMBERSHIP

7. There was submitted a letter dated 24 January 1996 from the Federation of Economic Development Authorities inviting the Council to take out membership for 1996-97 with effect from 1 April 1996.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council take out membership of the Federation of Economic Development Authorities with effect from 1 July 1996, and
- (2) that the Director of Planning and Development be authorised to advise the Members of Parliament for North Lanarkshire constituencies of the Council's membership of the Federation of Economic Development Authorities and to draw attention to the apparent imbalance of representation amongst its Vice-Presidents.

CONFERENCES

- (1) "LOCAL EUROPE '96"

8. There was submitted a letter dated 15 February 1996 from the Centre for Local Economic Strategies inviting the Council to be represented at its Conference entitled "Local Europe '96" to be held in Brussels on 19 March 1996.

Decided:that no attendance at this Conference be authorised.

- (2) "UNITARY AUTHORITIES AND THEIR LOCAL ECONOMIES"

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of minute of meeting of this Committee held on 1 February 1996, there was submitted a report dated 12 March 1996 by Director of Planning and Development following Councillor Connelly's attendance at a Conference entitled "Unitary Authorities and their Local Economies" which had been held in York on 19 January 1996.

Decided:that the terms of the report be noted.