

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To:	Economic Development Committee	Subject:	Urban Programme Funded Economic Development Projects: Proposed mainlining & extension of funding for projects terminating 1996/97
From:	Director of Planning & Development		
Date:	23 May 1996	Ref:	ct/geninfo/ budget

1. Purpose of report

This report seeks approval for the undernoted recommendations in respect of the budgetary allocations for:

- i) the mainlining of urban programme funded economic development projects terminating 1995/96 and 1996/97 for which no further urban programme funding is available;
- ii) the extension of funding for two urban programme funded projects whose funding terminates in this financial year and which are eligible for extension.

2. Resource Implications

An original allocation of £265,000 had been made to meet the mainlining costs of terminating projects for 1996/97.

In pursuit of council budget savings, the projects' budgets have been reassessed.

Savings of £105,055 have been identified.

3. Considerations3.1 **Mainlining of projects on termination of urban programme funding**

- i) There are 4 urban programme funded projects under the supervision of the Planning and Development department which have been submitted for mainlining for the financial years 1995/96 and 1996/97 (see appendix one).
- ii) There was an original allocation of £265,000 within the department's budget to meet the costs of mainlining these projects in the financial year 1996/97.

- iii) Launchpad, a staffed training project based in Chryston and previously funded through Strathkelvin District Council's urban programme, is seeking a contribution of £25,000 from North Lanarkshire Council towards total costs of £100,000. Other contributors are East Dunbartonshire Council, Dunbartonshire Enterprise and Lanarkshire Development Agency.
- iv) It is proposed to discuss with the Chief Executive's Department (Urban Programme Unit) the option of transferring supervision of the launchpad project to the Education department or Social Work Department given the remit and client groups of this project. The recommendation on funding from the Planning and Development department's budgets, therefore, refer to this financial year only.
- v) This department would wish to evaluate all the projects in the near future for recommendations on possible mainlining for the next financial year, particularly those projects which were not the subject of evaluation reports under the previous authority, and those projects whose remits would suggest that they would be more appropriately supervised by another Council department.
- vi) The department, in pursuit of further council budget savings, has reassessed the projects' budgets. This has been on the basis of:
  - a) projects, without staff, having reached or reaching termination dates;
  - b) project posts currently vacant and therefore representing a saving if they are not filled in 1996/97.
  - c) cuts in projects' running costs budgets.
- vii) Savings of £105,055 have been identified without incurring job losses in this financial year.

### **3.2 Extension of funding for eligible projects**

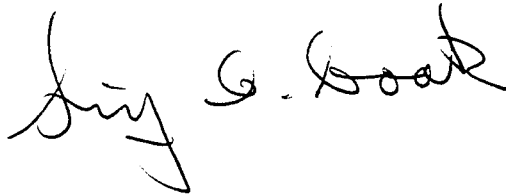
- i) As a result of the Scottish Office's postponement of Programme for Partnership (which will result in changes to the urban programme) the Scottish Office decided to approve the extension of all eligible urban programme projects until 30 November 1996.
- ii) North Lanarkshire Council agreed to support the extension of all eligible projects until 30 November 1996 (ref. Policy and Resources 19 March 1996).
- iii) The department of Finance has confirmed that there is an allocation of £30,000 for the provision of new projects. It is proposed that this money be allocated to meet the 25% council contribution to extend the Wellwise and Skillstart projects until November 1996.

- iv) As members will be aware, extension to urban programme funding beyond November 1996 will be subject to decisions taken in relation to Programme for Partnership and the regeneration strategy for North Lanarkshire.

#### 4. Recommendation

It is recommended that committee:

- i) approve the revised departmental budget of £159,945 for the mainlining of terminating urban programme funded projects for 1996/97;
- ii) approve the allocation of £25,000 from this budget to Launchpad for 1996/97 subject to confirmation that the other three agencies have made similar commitments and to future consideration regarding the department's supervision of this project.
- ii) approve the mainlining of the projects listed at appendix one for the financial year 1996/97;
- iii) agree to consider evaluation reports on these projects prior to agreeing budget allocations for 1997/98;
- iv) agree to consider evaluation reports on Wellwise and Skillstart prior to considering future funding options.



## Appendix one

	Recommended Allocation 1996/97 £
Community Enterprise Motherwell (global figure)	93,775
North Motherwell Community Flat	6,170
Airdrie CAB Outreach	35,000
Launchpad	25,000
<b>Total Mainlining Budget 1996/97</b>	<b>159,945</b>