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To:	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE			Subject: CENTRE FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC STRATEGIES (CLES) - MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTER OF TRUSTEES	
From:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT				
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## **Background**

CLES is an organisation which undertakes economic development research, publishes regular bulletins and organises seminars, conferences and summer schools on topical economic development issues. CLES are based in Manchester and receive subscriptions from local authorities throughout the UK.

## Membership

Prior to reorganisation Motherwell District Council was a subscriber to CLES. North Lanarkshire Council have continued this membership on an interim basis pending re-subscription. No formal agreement has yet been made to take out a North Lanarkshire Council subscription. At current rates a North Lanarkshire subscription would cost £6,540 + VAT for 12 months starting from when the Motherwell subscription ended. The following representatives of the Council are listed with CLES to receive papers and details of meetings etc:

- Contact Officer: Stanley Cook, Director of Planning and Development

Trustee: Councillor Harry CurranDeputy Trustee: Councillor Pat Connelly

Membership provides the Council with regular updates on economic trends and gives us access to a reputable national research network.

## Recommendation

That the Committee note the contents of this report and agree to North Lanarkshire Council being subscribers to CLES, subject to funding availability, with the above people maintaining the same roles.

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