

**North Lanarkshire Council  
Report**

|   |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| <b>To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>         |                        | <b>Subject: Management and<br/>Technology Training Grant</b> |
| <b>From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> |                        |  |
| <b>Date: 31.07.96</b>                             | <b>Ref: BM/REP.061</b> |  |

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Management and Technology Training Grant (MTTG) scheme is operated throughout the North Lanarkshire area to assist in the growth and development of indigenous businesses. This report provides a quarterly monitoring of the delivery of this scheme by the Economic Development Unit, being the first such report since North Lanarkshire Council took over the management of the scheme in April 1996, from Strathclyde Regional Council.

1.2 The purpose of this and future reports is to provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the MTTG scheme within North Lanarkshire for the Calendar year 1996.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 The MTTG scheme provides grant assistance to small and medium sized businesses to cover part of the costs of employee training to allow for the introduction of new management and or technology where companies require training and otherwise would not be able to undertake it. The scheme is targeted at companies with growth or development potential.

2.2 The scheme provides for grant assistance, meeting 80% of approved training costs, with training needs appraisal and monitoring by the Economic Development Unit being integral to the management of the scheme.

2.3 Assistance is directed toward the manufacturing sector, service to manufacturing or toward companies whose market is predominately outwith what was the Strathclyde area.

### 3.0 Accruals and Uptake of MTTG, period 1 April - 30 June, 1996

| <u>Area</u>  | <u>Companies assisted</u> | <u>Value</u>         | <u>No. of trainees trained</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| North        | 4<br>(1)                  | £9,142<br>(£1960)    | 13<br>(3)                      |
| Central      | 2<br>(4)                  | £4,257<br>(£17,913)  | 3<br>(18)                      |
| South        | 10<br>(12)                | £27,920<br>(£34,116) | 36<br>(56)                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b>                 | <b>£95,308</b>       | <b>128</b>                     |

( NB figures in brackets indicate accruals from 1994/95 and 1995/96 )

3.1 The administration and effective, efficient delivery of the scheme during this period has been subject to a number of constraints that have included re-accruals and accruals from Strathclyde Regional Council, requirement for new marketing material, EDU staff shortages, training and allowances for holiday periods.

3.2 Given the level of demand on the scheme to-date it is possible to project forward and estimate that by the Calendar year-end the MTTG scheme will have committed / spent the sum of £215,500.00, from a total budget of £350,000.00. This matter is currently being addressed by the Department.

### 4.0 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee :

(i) Note the contents of this monitoring report for the MTTG scheme from 1 April - 30 June, 1996.



for Stanley C. Cook  
Director of Planning and Development

For further information contact Gordon Smith, Head of Economic Development and Property