

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: SCOTTISH SCREEN LOCATIONS
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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A general meeting of Scottish Screen Locations (SSL) was held in Edinburgh on 9 July 1996, attended by Councillor Harry Curran and Deborah Willie of the Economic Development Unit.

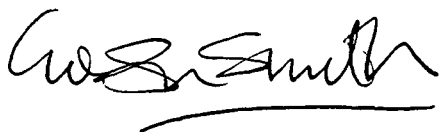
Celia Stevenson, Director of SSL, updated the meeting on the organisation's progress. She emphasised the fact that Scotland is now recognised within the international film industry as having the talent to service a film production - this is the added value which location shooting brings to the local economy. She highlighted productions such as "Mission: Impossible", part of which was shot in south-west Scotland

Celia Stevenson stressed the importance of film location brochures, and was particularly complimentary about the Lanarkshire brochure. She outlined the successful outcomes of taking stands at film festivals in Cannes and Hong Kong, which have already generated location shoots.

SSL is, however, currently facing a severe cash crisis, due to local government re-organisation, as new authorities come to terms with practicalities and budgets. Subscriptions have been fixed at £205 per 10,000 head of population. She advised that this is the last financial year in which SSL will be dependent on local authorities for core funding; from April 1997 SSL will be part of the new Scottish Screen Agency. This will be funded by The Scottish Office.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the autumn, with a provisional date set for 7 October.

Recommendation: Members note the contents of this report.



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