

**North Lanarkshire Council
Report**

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Management and Technology Training Grant
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
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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 second such report since North Lanarkshire Council assumed management of the scheme in April 1996.

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 scheme, period 1 July - 30 September 1996

3.1 Appendix 1 attached shows that £101,892 was committed during the period, with 32 companies receiving assistance and 170 trainees undergoing training. For the period 1 April to 31 September £143,211 has been committed, with 48 companies receiving assistance and 222 trainees undergoing training.

3.2 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.

3.3 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 July - 30 September, 1996.



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Appendix 1**Current Year Budget**

	Companies Assisted			Value of Grant			No of Trainees		
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total
North	4	5	9	9,142	9,872	19,014	13	9	22
Central	2	6	8	4,257	19,600	23,857	3	20	23
South	10	21	31	27,920	72,420	100,340	36	141	177
Totals	16	32	48	41,319	101,892	£143,211	52	170	222

Accruals Budget

	Companies Assisted			Value of Grant			No of Trainees		
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Total
North	1	3	4	1,960	5,919	7,879	3	7	10
Central	4	0	4	17,913	0	17,913	18	0	18
South	12	5	17	34,116	11,744	45,860	56	17	73
Totals	17	8	25	53,989	17,663	£71,652	77	24	101