

NORTH LANARKSHIRE  
COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: TOUR OF NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 19 November 1996	Ref: CMcA/LU/REP.111	

**INTRODUCTION**

The Economic Development Unit organised a tour of economic development projects throughout North Lanarkshire on Wednesday 6 November 1996. The aim of the tour was to raise awareness on the range of economic development projects that are currently in operation across the area.

Invited to attend were North Lanarkshire Council Elected Members, representatives from all of the Community Councils and appropriate officials. Despite poor weather conditions on the day, approximately 80 persons participated in the tour. A full itinerary of the tour is attached.

**COMPANY VISITS**

The itinerary included visits to 4 local companies:-

MSA (Mine Safety Appliances) - Coatbridge  
Mackinnon Woollen Mills - Coatbridge  
OKI Ltd - Cumbernauld  
Oakwood Foods - Tannochside Park, Bellshill

The tour also included a site visit to the Euro Central Enterprise Zone. The 2 coach parties were met by officials from the Lanarkshire Development Agency who took them on a guided tour of the new developments at the site.

**FOLLOW UP**

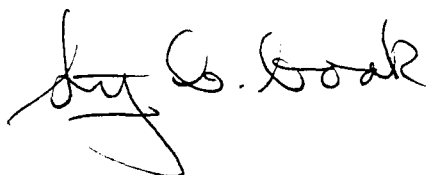
One of the main issues that was raised as a result of the tour is the lack of public transport facilities to and from nearby town centres and the new business parks and enterprise zone sites.

This issue is currently being addressed by the Economic Development Unit and a meeting has been arranged with appropriate transport officials and Strathclyde Passenger Transport to address this concern.

It is also intended that a meeting would be held with a small representative group of the delegation to review the tour and establish areas of particular interest for future tours.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the content of the report and agree the proposed follow up action.

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Stanley C Cook

**Director of Planning and Development**

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

## INDUSTRIAL TOUR ITINERARY

**DATE: Wednesday 6 November 1996**

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| 9.30  | Tea, coffee and scones in Committee Rooms 1 and 2, Civic Centre   |
| 10.00 | Depart Civic Centre   |
| 10.30 | Motherwell Food Park  |
| 10.45 | Strathclyde Business Park   |
| 11.15 | EuroCentral Enterprise Zone<br>Meeting with representatives of Lanarkshire Development Agency and tour of site on coach                           |
| 11.45 | East Shawhead Enterprise Zone and Shawhead Industrial Site<br><br>Company visits:-<br><br>MSA (Mine Safety Appliances)<br>Mackinnon Woollen Mills |
| 12.30 | Plains Countryside Trust (time & weather permitting)  |
| 12.45 | Buffet Lunch in Committee Room 1 at Kildonan Street, Coatbridge   |
| 2.00  | Arrive at Cumbernauld Town Centre followed by a tour  |
| 2.45  | Coach 1 arrive at OKI Ltd Cumbernauld for company visit   |
| 3.00  | Coach 2 arrive at Oakwood Foods, Tannochside Park for company visit   |
| 4.00  | Arrive Civic Centre, Motherwell   |