

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: CUMBERNAULD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BOARD MEMBERSHIP
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to accept a place on the Board of Cumbernauld & District Chamber of Commerce.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 On 5th December 1996, Committee approved membership by the Council, through the Economic Development Unit, of the Cumbernauld & District Chamber of Commerce. Since then, Ellen Byers, Senior Economic Development Officer of Northern team has attended meetings on an informal basis and provided information on activities of the Economic Development Unit.

2.2 Formal Membership of the Board would:

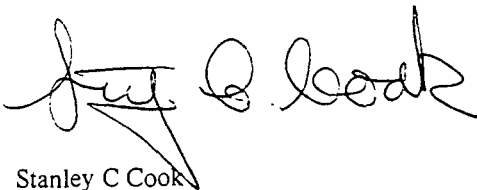
- Formalise more effective partnership.
- Link with existing and new businesses.
- Assist effective Economic Development network with Northern team.
- Disseminating information on Council's policy on Economic Development.
- Acting as a link between Council and business community.
- Consultation with Chamber on economic development activities.
- Increase profile of North Lanarkshire Council within the Northern Area.

2.3 The Council is currently represented at Board level by an officer of Economic Development Unit on Motherwell & District Chamber of Commerce. Becoming a member of the Cumbernauld Chamber would ensure that the Council is represented on both Chambers giving a wider view of the needs of the Chamber members in North Lanarkshire.

3.0 Recommendation

Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and approve:-

That the Director of Planning and Development appoints appropriate representation to the Cumbernauld and District Chamber of Commerce.



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