

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: QUARTERLY REPORT ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES EMPLOYMENT GRANTS SCHEME
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Date: 31 July 1997 Ref: EB/CD/REP.245	

1.0 Purpose

To inform committee of the progress of the Employment Grants Scheme during the period 1 April to 30 June 1997.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Employment Grants Scheme has been established to encourage employers to create new jobs for unemployed people by offering financial incentives to employers to take on new workers.

2.2 A mailshot of application forms was enclosed with the April issue of Business Focus, which is sent to 4,500 businesses in North Lanarkshire.

<u>Turnover of Applications</u>	<u>1 April - 30 June 1997</u>	<u>Same period 1996</u>
Applications received	107	44
Applications approved	95	51
Number of new jobs	80 (47male/33 female)	36 (27 male/9 female)
Grant committed	£172,518	£72,898
Grant paid out	£64,101	£65,425 *
Number of existing businesses	72	44
Number of Start-Up businesses	23	7
Company monitoring visits	27	N/A

Breakdown in Area

Central	45
North	23
South	39

* Payments for grants awarded 1995/96.

3.0 Recommendation

The committee is asked to note the contents of this report.



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