

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Management and Technology Training Grant 1997 - Monitoring Report
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1 Purpose of report

- 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 for the period April to June 1997.

2 Background

- 2.1 The MTTG scheme provides grant assistance to small to medium size 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 50% 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 Uptake of MTTG, period 1 April - 30 June 1997

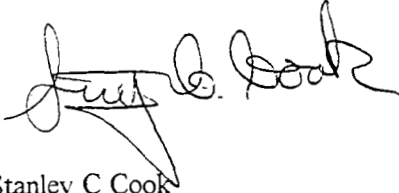
- 3.1 In comparison with uptake for the same period last year, the number of businesses awarded assistance has increased by 1 while the number of trainees has increased by 30.
- 3.2 The financial assistance has, however, in comparison reduced by £11,785. This can be attributed to the fact that the grant award has been reduced from 80% to 50% in order to comply with State Aid Guidelines to small to medium sized businesses.
- 3.3 Efforts are at present ongoing to re-focus the support provided, specifically targeted at sector related training strategies, in order that the scheme can maximise budgetary allocation.

Area	Companies assisted		Value		No of Trainees trained	
	April - June 1996	April - June 1997	April - June 1996	April - June 1997	April - June 1996	April - June 1997
North	4	5	£9,142	£7,279	13	16
Central	2	2	£4,227	£8,225	3	19
South	10	10	£10,920	£14,030	36	47
TOTAL	16	17	£24,289	£29,534	52	82

4 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the contents of this monitoring report for the MTTG scheme from 1 April - 30 June 1997; and
- (ii) Note that monitoring reports for the MTTG scheme shall be presented to Committee on a quarterly basis.



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