

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: BELLSHILL COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT AREA
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 21 August 1997	Ref: S/PL/CIA/CR0897/AM/ KW	

Purpose of Report

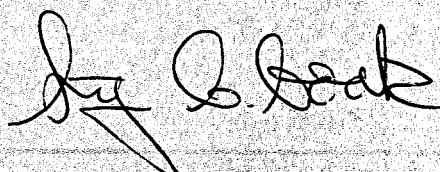
1. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee of the progress of the scheme since my last report to this Committee in November 1996.

Background

2. The Bellshill Commercial Improvement Area Scheme was approved by Motherwell District Council but because of staffing shortages and other delays caused by Local Government reorganisation little progress on applications was made until late last year. Further potential problems arose at the end of the financial year as it was clear the Council would not achieve any expenditure during 1996-97. An agreement has been reached with the Scottish Office to an adjusted programme of expenditure which should allow the expenditure targets to be met. The other frustrating delay has been the state of legal titles in Main Street, Bellshill which make the task of establishing a clear title to properties extremely problematic.
3. Through the process agreed at the November meeting of this Committee the Director of Planning has now sent out letters of grant award to six applicants. This comprises five awards under Section 5 of the scheme and three under Section 6, two applicants receiving grant awards under both Sections. The total offers of award amount to almost £100,000. A further twelve applications are currently being processed which could lead to a further £100,000 being awarded. The gross expenditure on development which this could achieve is likely to be in the order of £375,000, a welcome economic boost for Bellshill. Details of the grants awarded are appended.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report.



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 12 August 1997
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Annex

Applic. No.	Applicant	Gross Cost of Works	Section 5 Grant	Section6 Grant Development
5/96	YMCA	£37,345		£20,000 Frontage Improvements
6/96	Wellcoat	£35,450	£15,000	Demolition, car park, walls and landscaping
7/96	Johnston's	£7,146	£3,574	Reroofing
10/96	Aladdins	£24,140	£4,720	£15,433 Frontage and forecourt upgrade
15/96	Airdrie Savings Bank	£33,632	£15,000	Overall upgrading
16/96	R Franchetti		£10,605	£9,099 Reroofing, frontage extension, car park improvements
	Totals	£137,713	£48,899	£44,532