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Motherwell, 21 August 1997 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Curran, Convener; Councillor Connelly, Vice-Convener;
Councillors
Beekman, Coyle, Craigie, McLaughlin, Macleod, G. Murray and Shaw.

CHAIR

Councillor Curran (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Economic Development and
Property, Policy Planning Officer (Chief Executive's Department),
Principal
Solicitor, and Accountant (Department of Finance).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, Lucas, Lunny, McElroy, H. McGuigan, Nolan,
Pentland,
Robertson and Stocks.

GARTCOSH REGENERATION

1. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of
this Committee held on 12 June 1997, the Head of Economic
Development and Property gave an update on (1) the ongoing
developments for the regeneration of the former British Steel
Works site at Gartcosh; (2) the development of proposals for
the
road network, and (3) the various considerations being given
by
the Working Group on Strategy on Gartcosh.

Decided: that the position be noted.

RAVENSCRAIG REGENERATION

2. Under reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of
this Committee held on 12 June 1997, the Head of Economic
Development and Property summarised the ongoing developments
for the regeneration of the former British Steel Works site at
Ravenscraig, and advised that the Consultants' exercise on the
site

was completed and the final report on the proposals would be
reported to the Committee in due course.

Decided: that the position be noted.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE - GRANT SUPPORT FOR CCTV SYSTEMS
1997/98

3. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) updating members on the level of award received from Strathclyde Police for revenue and capital funding for CCTV in the North Lanarkshire area; (2) advising that Town Centre Initiatives Limited had received a further grant of \$7,500, and (3) reporting that the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the Officer Working Group overseeing the setting up of North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited, had approached Strathclyde Police requesting a Secondee to work with the new Company.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Chairman of Town Centre Initiatives Limited in accepting the grant of \$7,500 be homologated;
- (2) that the action taken by the Director of Planning and Development in approaching Strathclyde Police requesting a Secondee be homologated, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LEASES

4. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development (Building and Property) Sub-Committee held on 5 August 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development containing details of the industrial and commercial leases which he had approved following consultation with the Convener, during the period from 12 November 1996 to 9 July 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ENTERPRISE TRUST FUNDING 1997/98

5. Under reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 August 1996, there was submitted a

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report (docketed) dated August 1997 by the Director of
and Development seeking approval for the level of funding to
awarded to each of the three Enterprise Trusts currently
within the North Lanarkshire area for the period 1997/98, and
proposing to establish a North Lanarkshire Enterprise Trust
details of which were contained therein.

Decided:

- (1) that payments be awarded to the Enterprise Trusts, as follows, viz:-

Motherwell Enterprise Trust	\$38,000
Monklands Enterprise Trust	\$24,400
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Enterprise Trust	\$17,600;

- (2) that a North Lanarkshire Enterprise Trust Forum be established, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

6. Under reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 January 1997, when it was agreed to transfer funding to Town Centre Initiatives Limited to enable the filling of the post of Town Centre Manager, there was submitted a report dated 29 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that Town Centre Initiatives Limited had recently appointed a new Town Centre Manager for the Towns of Coatbridge, Airdrie and Kilsyth.

Decided:

- (1) that the appointment of the Town Centre Manager be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Planning and Development be instructed to submit regular reports on the progress of Town Centre Management in Coatbridge, Airdrie and Kilsyth, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

TOURISM NEWSLETTER - "TOURISM MATTERS"

7. Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting

of
this Committee held on 12 June 1997, when it was decided to
produce a quarterly newsletter entitled "Tourism Matters" at a
cost
of \$4,000 per annum, there was submitted a report (docketed)
dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development
providing Members with information on the production details
of
the newsletter.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MARKETING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR TOURISM BUSINESSES

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 1997 by
the Director of Planning and Development containing details of
and seeking approval for the development and delivery of a
Marketing Assistance Programme which will be aimed
specifically
at small and medium-sized Enterprises in the Tourism Sector.

Decided:

- (1) that the development and delivery of a Marketing
Assistance Programme for Businesses in the Tourism
Sector be approved;
- (2) that the appointment of In-House Development
Consultants, to undertake the development and delivery
of
the Pilot Programme, be approved, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES (FEDA)

9. Under reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of
this Committee held on 24 October 1996, there was submitted a
report (docketed) dated 30 July 1997 by the Director of
Planning
and Development (1) advising that following the Council's
agreement to offer to host a Regional Meeting of the
Federation
of Economic Development Authorities, the Federation had
decided
to hold its Autumn Conference in Cumbernauld Town Hall from
9-12 September 1997, and (2) giving details of the
arrangements
which had been made, to date.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MEMBERSHIP - CUMBERNAULD AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

10. C Under reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 1996, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) advising that the Senior Economic Development Officer of the Northern Team has attended meetings of the Cumbernauld and District Chamber of Commerce on an informal basis; (2) indicating that the Council is currently represented by an Officer of the Economic Development Unit on the Motherwell and District Chamber of Commerce, and (3) seeking approval to appoint an appropriate Departmental representative to the Cumbernauld and District Chamber of Commerce.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Planning and Development be authorised to appoint an appropriate Departmental representative to the Cumbernauld and District Chamber of Commerce, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

LANARKSHIRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that the Lanarkshire Development Agency had recently produced its Annual Report for 1996/97, and summarising the information and key results etc contained therein.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted, and
- (2) that copies of the Lanarkshire Development Agency's report be made available in the Council's Local Government Library.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES TO JUNE 1997

12. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 August 1997 by the Chief Executive summarising the current unemployment position in North Lanarkshire together with a note of unemployment trends within the Council's area to June 1997.

Decided:

- (1) that the Chief Executive be authorised to circulate the

quarterly report within and outwith the authority, as considered necessary, and

(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

RESEARCH REPORT - "THE REAL LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT" -
SUMMARY

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that in March 1997 a report entitled "The Real Level of Unemployment" was produced by the Centre for Regional, Economic and Social Research at Sheffield Hallam University which highlighted the real level of unemployment in Britain and summarising the main findings from this research and the results as they relate to North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the report be noted.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

14. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development containing information on the publication entitled "Getting Back to Work" which has now been produced and which is a directory of services delivered directly, or indirectly, to unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire by the Economic Development Unit through organisations it sponsors.

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted, and

(2) that copies of the publication be made available in the Council's Local Government Library.

A NEW DEAL FOR LONE PARENTS

15. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development updating members of the new initiative for lone parents which has been developed jointly by the Benefits Agency and Employment Services, and advising of an information leaflet outlining the services available to lone parents and the benefits of the new programme which was available from the Economic Development Unit.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted, and
- (2) that copies of the leaflet be made available in the Council's Local Government Library.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE UPDATE

(1) WEST OF SCOTLAND TRADE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

16. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that this Council was an active participant in the West of Scotland Trade Partnership Programme, managing a number of overseas exhibitions and trade missions on behalf of the Partnership, and giving details of the various companies in North Lanarkshire which had received support to help enable them to participate in events.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(2) HANOVER, GERMANY - 3-7 JUNE 1997

17. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the International Trade Event entitled "Interhospital 1997" which was held in Hanover, Germany from 3-7 June 1997.

Decided: that of the report be noted.

(3) FRANKFURT, GERMANY - 8-10 JUNE 1997

18. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the International Trade Event entitled "Achema 1997" which was held in Frankfurt, Germany from 8-10 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(4) DUBLIN/CORK, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND - 9-13 JUNE 1997

19. Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the International Trade Event entitled "Ireland Trade Mission 1997" which was held in Dublin/Cork from 9-13 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE BUSINESS DIRECTORY 1997/98

20. Under reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 March 1997, there was submitted a report dated 28 July by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the first edition of the North Lanarkshire Business Directory 1997/98 which was launched on 3 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE MULTI-MEDIA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

21. There was submitted a report dated 16 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) advising that following the completion of the North Lanarkshire Business Directory consideration had been given to the production of a multi-media version of the Directory, the advantages of which were summarised therein; (2) reporting that the Lanarkshire Development Agency had agreed to make a contribution of 30% of the total cost of production or \$4,000 whichever is the lower figure, the balance being met from within the current year's Estimates; (3) indicating that tenders had been invited for the production of the Directory using CD Rom and/or computer disc format, and (4) giving details of the tenders received.

Decided:

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- (1) that the project progress through the use of external consultants with Multi-Media Incorporated being to undertake this work;
 - (2) that appropriate charges be levied for the sale of the finished product;
 - (3) that the costs be met from the existing Economic

Development Unit budget;

- (4) that the Director of Planning and Development submit a further report upon completion of the project, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

BUSINESS INFORMATION DATABASE (BID)

22. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that the Economic Development Unit proposed to launch and implement the Business Information Database (BID) Business Support Service within North Lanarkshire, and summarising the background, operation and benefits of the Database.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Planning and Development be authorised to undertake the appropriate marketing and promotion of the Business Information Database (BID) within North Lanarkshire, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

WORLD OF INFORMATION IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE (WINOL) - FEASIBILITY STUDY

23. Under reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 March 1997, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development enclosing a copy of the final draft report by the Council's consultants on the development of information and communication technology networks, and containing his observations thereon.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration with the recommendation that the Policy and Resources Committee invite the consultants to give a presentation on their findings to a future meeting of that Committee, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

TOWN CENTRE PROJECTS

24. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising that, in

line

with his Department's Service Plan, work is currently underway on the development of an overall strategy for Town Centres in the North Lanarkshire area and that a number of Working Groups have been established to progress the matter.

Decided:

- (1) that the mechanisms and remits of the Working Groups already established, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL BUSINESS LOANS FUND
(NLBLF) - APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

25. Under reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of

Planning

this Committee held on 13 March 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of and Development providing details of applications received and approved under delegated authority in terms of the Council's Business Loans Fund Scheme during the period from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BUSINESS/TRAINING PROGRAMMES 1997 - QUARTERLY REPORTS

(1) BOOST FOR BUSINESS START-UP

26. Under reference to paragraph 32 of the Minute of the meeting of

Scheme

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Boost for Business Start-Up during the quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(2) EMPLOYMENT GRANTS SCHEME

27. Under reference to paragraph 33 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Employment Grants Scheme during the quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(3) MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING GRANTS SCHEME

28. Under reference to paragraph 34 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Management and Technology Training Grants Scheme during the quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted.

(4) TRAINING ASSISTANCE GRANTS SCHEME

29. Under reference to paragraph 35 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Training Assistance Grants Scheme during the quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(5) YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING INITIATIVE

30. Under reference to paragraph 36 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 30 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Youth Employment and Training Initiative during the quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(6) SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME

31. Under reference to paragraph 22 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development providing details of applications received and approved under the Council's Small Business Support Scheme during the period from 12 to 30 June 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BOOST FOR BUSINESS START-UP - REVISED OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

32. Under reference to paragraph 32 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) referring to the Council's Boost for Business Start-Up Programme; (2) advising of the requirement to streamline the Programme's operational procedures, and (3) giving details of proposed revised operational procedures.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised operational procedures in respect of the Boost for Business Start-Up Programme, as detailed in the report, be approved, and
- (2) that report be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL LIFT-OFF FUND 1996/97

33. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 May 1996, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising of the year end results of the North Lanarkshire Council Lift-Off Fund from which it was noted that a total of 43 applications had been supported at a cost of \$12,868 thereby assisting 62 local unemployed people to enhance their employment opportunities.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that the Director of Planning and Development proposed submitting future monitoring reports to the Committee twice yearly.

TOUR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROJECTS

34. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a

report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the tour of the Employment and Training Project held on Wednesday, 31 July 1997.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ESTIMATES OF LOCAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT (GDP) IN SCOTLAND
1996 - REPORT BY MACKAY CONSULTANTS

35. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) advising that for the past five years, MacKay Consultants have produced estimates of local economic output, as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP), for each of the former Regions and Districts in Scotland, and following Local Government reorganisation, for the 32 new local authority areas; (2) enclosing copies of tables produced by Mackay Consultants which showed that North Lanarkshire has performed below the Scottish average, and (3) indicating that, although the Consultant's report is based on research on the current economic state of the area, it does not comment on anticipated investment or growth and, accordingly, it will be at least two years before the increase in output resulting from North Lanarkshire's new inward investors impacts on the Council's GDP performance.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ECONOMIC REGENERATION - INFORMATION PACK FOR
SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

36. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) summarising the background to the proposed production of an information pack for Secondary School Teachers which will study the regeneration of the North Lanarkshire economy and will form the basis of teaching material for project work within Modern Studies and Geography courses; (2) seeking approval for the production of the information pack, and (3) indicating that a budget of \$4,000 has been allocated to this Project from existing resources which will cover all "in-house" design, photography and production costs.

Decided:

(1) that the production of an Economic Regeneration Information Pack for Secondary School Teachers, funded

from existing resources be approved;

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- (2) that the report be referred for information to the Committee, and
 - (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

ORGANON LABORATORIES, NEWHOUSE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
CHAPELHALL

37. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee of 4 June 1997 wherein a planning application by Organon Laboratories Limited in respect of a development on their site was approved, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development giving details of the development which, it was anticipated, would generate approximately 50 new jobs.

Decided: that the report be noted.

FACTORY CLOSURES

(1) ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, COATBRIDGE

38. Under reference to paragraph 30 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 1997, there was submitted a report dated 4 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising of the action which had been taken by the various Council Departments in relation to the closure of Alexandra Workwear, Coatbridge and indicating the level of redundancy and the assistance given to the workforce.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(2) LONG AIRDOX, MOTHERWELL

39. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development advising of the decision by Long Airdox to close its manufacturing facility in Motherwell which currently employs 360 people and intimating the level of support being offered by the Council to the workforce.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council designate the Long Airdox closure as large scale redundancy thereby reducing the eligibility period for access to assistance from the Council, and

(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT AREA GRANTS SCHEME

40. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 1996, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development updating on the progress of the Bellshill Commercial Improvement Area Grants Scheme, advising that six applicants had received awards amounting to approximately \$100,000 and that a further twelve applications are currently being processed.

Decided: that the report be noted.

POLICY REVIEW OF THE SCOTTISH TOURIST BOARD

41. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 5 August 1997 by the Directors of Leisure Services and Planning and Development (1) advising that the Scottish Office were currently reviewing the policy and financial management of the Scottish Tourist Board; (2) indicating that the Council had received a consultation paper relating to the operation and performance of the Board, and (3) containing his observations on the various points raised therein.

Decided:

(1) that the Director of Administration respond to the consultation paper in the terms proposed in the report, and

(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - PERIOD FROM
1 APRIL TO 20 JULY 1997 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

42. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 August 1997 by the Director of Finance setting out the position with regard to the spending levels of the Economic Development Unit of the Department of Planning and Development for the period from 1 April to 20 July 1997, and providing a comparison with the approved budget, excluding loan charges, central administration recharges and the central repairs account.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL CCTV REVIEW

43. Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 1996, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 13 August 1997 by the

Directors

of Administration and Planning and Development (1) reminding Members of the background to the review of the four CCTV systems currently operating within the North Lanarkshire area,

and

(2) summarising the findings and recommendations of the Working Group that had been established to consider a range of operational issues arising from the review.

Decided:

(1) that a company limited by guarantee entitled North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited be established;

(2) that the proposed draft Memorandum and Articles be the subject of a further report by the Director of

Planning and

Company's

Development prior to their incorporation as the Memorandum and Articles;

(3) that it be noted the four Development Trusts would dissolve themselves in due course;

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(4) that the then assets of the four Development Trusts to their dissolution) will be transferred to North CCTV Limited;

(5) that North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited assume responsibility, as employers, for any then existing

contracts

would

of employment between any of the four Trusts (prior to their dissolution) and their employees, on the understanding that the Head of Personnel Services

review the transfer process, and

(6) that North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited assume responsibility

(prior to

for any of the then liabilities of the four Trusts dissolution).

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following items of business were of an urgent nature, authorised their consideration to enable them to be considered timeously.

CONFERENCE - "THE FUTURE OF URBAN POLICY IN SCOTLAND"

44. There was submitted an invitation from the Scottish Local Government Information Unit to attend a conference entitled "The Future of Urban Policy in Scotland" to be held in Glasgow on 10 October 1997.

Decided: that no attendance at this conference be authorised.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL BUSINESS LOANS FUND
(NLBLF) - APPLICATION 4/97

45. Under reference to paragraph 43 of the Minute of the meeting of

this Committee held on 24 April 1997, there was submitted a report dated 20 August 1997 by the Director of Planning and Development (1) seeking approval of a loan application by a Company based in Coatbridge for \$30,000 under the North Lanarkshire Council Business Loans Fund (NLBLF) Scheme, in conjunction with the West of Scotland Loans Fund (WSLF), as

part

of a new Company start up, and (2) referring to the pending closure of Co Vent Systems Limited, Chapelhall.

Decided:

(1) that the loan application be approved, subject to the Company meeting the necessary conditions required by

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Head of Economic Development and Property and the Head of Legal Services, and

(2) that the period of unemployment for employees of Co

Vent

Systems Limited, Chapelhall be waived, to enable the

new

Company to apply for financial assistance through the Council's Employment Grants Scheme.