

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: National Steel Training Initiative: proposed bid for funding	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for a joint submission by the Council (ISTC) and the LDA of a bid for funding to both the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and RESIDER II for a training programme for unemployed people based on the Intermediate Labour Market model.

2. Considerations

- 2.1 As members may recall, at its meeting of 9 October 1997 this committee approved in principle the preparation of a bid for funding for the National Steel Training Initiative for training for unemployed people in former steel communities.
- 2.2 Following discussions with the LDA and ISTC, it has been agreed to submit a bid for funding for ILM training in child care linked with child care support for unemployed people on training/employment access programmes in North Lanarkshire.
- 2.3 The LDA wishes, in supporting ILM training programmes, to link the service provided by the ILM programme to other training and employment programmes targeted on unemployed people which are linked with sectors of the economy showing jobs growth potential.
- 2.4 ISTC has indicated that it wishes to support innovative training for unemployed steel workers and their families within their communities, and it would be proposed that the local ISTC offices would be involved in the development and the delivery of the project.
- 2.5 The Economic Development Unit has been investigating possible skills areas for ILM training development and proposed to the LDA that the most appropriate skills area for development given the LDA's and ISTC's priorities would be training in child care.
- 2.6 Training in child care would provide the trainees with training within an ILM model offering basic skills training for the care sector and work experience in child care, thus equipping people with the capacity to make choices regarding their future employment and/or further education plans. To meet the LDA's requirement that ILM training programmes also offer services to support other initiatives for unemployed people the ILM child care project would also offer existing training and employment access programmes (e.g. Prevocational training courses linked with inward investment opportunities and the EGS mentoring scheme).

- 2.7 The total costs of providing an ILM training project to 36 people have been estimated at £200,000. It is proposed that the funding package be arranged as outlined below:

Iron and Steel Trades Confederation	£50,000
NLC	£25,000
LDA	£25,000
RESIDER	£90,000
Other (possibly "in kind")	£10,000

- 2.8 The success of these bids to ISTC and to the RESIDER II committee depend to some extent on the Council identifying resources of £25,000 from within existing budgets.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that members approve the joint submission with the LDA of bids for funding from the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and RESIDER II for the development of an ILM training programme in child care, subject to the identification of NLC resources from within existing budgets.



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