

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: LANARKSHIRE TECHNOLOGY ADVICE CENTRE
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 5 March 1998	Ref: TL/REP.386	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to advise members of the progress in the preparation for the establishment of a Lanarkshire Technology Advice Centre and to seek nominations from the Council to the Board of Directors.

2. Considerations

2.1 Members will recall from previous committee reports that the Council agreed to participate as partner in the establishment of a Lanarkshire Technology Advice Centre in collaboration with the Lanarkshire Development Agency, South Lanarkshire Council and Strathclyde University. The strategic objectives of the Technology Advice Centre will be to develop company and individual competitiveness in the local economy and to develop comprehensive technology support infrastructures and networks.

2.2 At its recent meeting, the LDA Board approved the proposals which will now be considered by Scottish Enterprise.

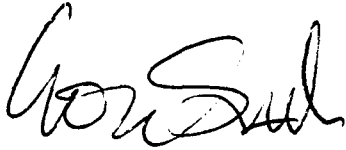
2.3 Officers of the partner organisations have been meeting to prepare for the establishment of the Technology Advice Centre currently scheduled to take place in April.

2.4 Currently those officers are considering matters regarding the recruitment of the staff to the Technology Advice Centre and the authority to act which should be delegated to officers in the run up to the formal establishment of the Technology Advice Centre. It is proposed that mid-March a meeting of the proposed Directors of the Board be convened to consider these actions and authorise the officers to take preparations forward.

3. Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- (1) Note progress;
- (2) Nominate two representatives from the Council to the Board. It is recommended that the Council appoint one Elected Member and one officer to be appointed by the Director of Planning & Development.



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