

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: RESIDER II decisions
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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## 1 Purpose of Report

This reports seeks to advise members of the decisions by the RESIDER II committee on the 4 bids for funding recently submitted and to seek approval for the acceptance and implementation of projects as detailed below.

## 2 Considerations

2.1 As members may recall, the Council submitted 4 bids for European funding to the RESIDER II committee:

### 2.1.1 Lady Anne Training Centre and Managed Workspace(ERDF capital and revenue)

This project will provide training and managed workspace facilities(including childcare), in partnership with the LDA and Coatbridge college, in South Airdrie, targeting particularly unemployed people with training and employment access programmes.

### 2.1.2 Community Economic Regeneration(ESF)

This project will provide economic development advice and support to local community based organisations wishing to establish local enterprises or engage in other ways with local economic development initiatives. The project will be managed by Summerlee Training Resource Unit under the supervision of the Economic Development Unit.

### 2.1.3 Integrated Support Project

This project will offer in the southern area, family-based prevocational training for long term unemployed people, while developing the local employment and training network to assist unemployed people in gaining access to wider strategic programmes

2.1.4 Training and Employment Access support. Craigneuk(ESF)

This project would provide computer facilities and advisory/guidance staff to assist local unemployed people in the southern area to use Information Technology in their job and training searches, and assisting these users to gain access to wider strategic employment and training programmes.

2.2 Following consideration of these bids, the RESIDER II committee approved all four bids with the following conditions attached:

2.2.1 Lady Anne Training Centre and managed workspace(capital)

Approved subject to co-finance being confirmed

2.2.2 Lady Anne Training Centre and managed workspace(Revenue)

Approved subject to a) further clarification on the revenue anticipated from rental income and its effect on ERDF; and b) written confirmation of NLC's support for the project for an initial three year period

2.2.3 Community Economic Regeneration Project

This project was approved subject to a) further details of the performance of the previously urban programme funded project(Cooperative Development Monklands); b) clarification on how the project will focus on the RESIDER II areas; c) acknowledgement that future years' funding will be dependent on the performance of the project in the first year.

2.2.4 Integrated Support Project

This project was approved subject to the submission of the interim evaluation of the pilot project "family based prevocational training" which preceded it.

2.2.5 Training and Employment Access support

This project was approved subject to a) the submission of previous monitoring reports on the Flexiwrite projects and b) consideration by the council of the implications for the project of Gateway funding.

### 3 Financial considerations

- 3.1 As members may recall, approval for the match funding of these bids was agreed by the Council subject to the identification of resources within existing budgets. The proposed match funding is shown below:

#### Lady Anne training centre (capital)

Total Costs	£740,160
NLC	£344,096*
LDA	£100,000*
ERDF match	£296,064

\*Note: it is proposed to seek an additional £100,000 from the LDA towards this project

#### Lady Anne Training Centre(revenue)

total costs(over three years)	£429,479
ERDF grant(over three years)	£184,678

NLC contribution of £244,801 will include rental income from tenants of the facilities.

It should be noted that the revenue figures will required to be adjusted following consideration of European funding rules in relation to financial assistance SME's

#### Integrated Support project

Total annual costs	£94,499
NLC costs	£51,974(of which £12,000 is "in kind")
ESF	£42,525

#### Training and Employment Access Support

Total annual cost	£50,141
NLC	£27,578(of which £10,000 is "in kind")
ESF	£22563

Community Economic Regeneration Project

Total annual cost	£22,371
NLC	£12,000

- 3.2 Due to financial constraints within the Planning and Development department's budgets, it will not be possible to proceed with all four of the projects. On the basis that the Training and Employment Access Support project had been designed to be supplementary to the Integrated Support Project at Craigneuk (to serve the southern area), it is proposed that the Council accepts the offers of award for all of the projects except the Training and Employment Access Support project.

**4 Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Council accepts the offers of award for a) The Lady Anne Training centre and managed Workspace; b) Integrated Support project; and c) Community Economic Regeneration project, seeking to address the requests for further information and/or confirmation of details as outlined above



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