

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: PLAINS COUNTRYSIDE PARK LOTTERY FUNDING
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the decision of the National Lottery Charities Board to award Plains Countryside Park a grant in excess of £120,000.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 As the project's supervising department we are extremely satisfied with the Park's progress. Plains Countryside Park is an important vehicle for training and employment opportunities within the local community. We have been impressed by the commitment and determination of the management committee and have complete confidence in their ability to maintain and expand this successful project over the next three years. A measure of Plains success would be the number of organisations who have contacted the Management Committee with a view to duplicating the Park.

3 Funding

- 3.1 The National Lottery Charities Board have awarded Plains a grant totalling £126,776 over the next three years. This will comprise £43,350 in the first year, £40,833 in the second year and £42,593 in the third year. This three year grant will fund the salary of one Park Warden, running costs, education and promotional materials, training, consultancy costs and equipment.
- 3.2 NLC have also awarded Plains £16,340 through the 1998 Annual Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme. This will cover the core running costs of the project to 31 March 1999.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Committee note the contents of this report.



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