

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: WINOL STUDY: VICHY DEVELOPPEMENT - VISIT TO SCOTLAND
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1 Purpose of Report

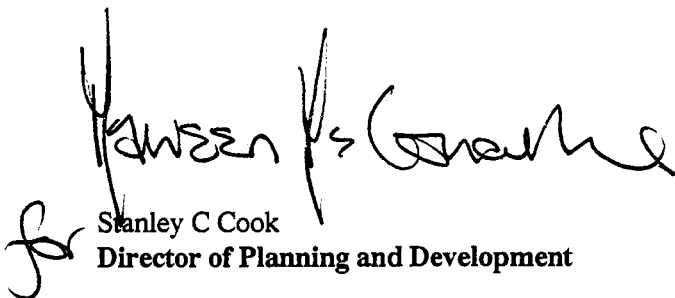
- 1.1 To advise members of the meeting between Council officials and representatives of Vichy Developpement during their visit to Scotland.

2 Considerations

- 2.1 As members may recall, the Council conducted the European funded World of Information in North Lanarkshire(WINOL) feasibility study in an transnational partnership with Vichy Developpement, a local economic development agency in France.
- 2.2 Council officials met with the Director and Assistant Director during their visit to a conference in Fife and discussed a range of issues associated with the course of the WINOL study and other economic development issues.
- 2.3 Vichy Developpement is keen to continue the links established with North Lanarkshire Council and it was agreed that further information would be exchanged regarding wider economic development issues, with a view to considering future opportunities for collaboration. They were particularly interested in discussing further possible partnership Research and Development in relation to the food and biotechnology sectors.

3 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council continues to explore future partnership opportunities with Vichy Developpement.


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