

## AGENDA ITEM No. 10

## REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND SKILLSTART INTO BUSINESS PROGRAMME - RE-ALLOCATION OF I.T. EQUIPMENT
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 26 November 1998	Ref: JT/SW/rep 501	

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Economic Development Committee in order to advise members of the re-allocation of information technology equipment utilised to provide the Skillstart into Business programme and the Information Technology Centre initially funded through the Urban Programme and delivered on behalf of the Council by Motherwell Enterprise Development Company (MEDCO).

### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Skillstart into Business/Information Technology Centre were former Urban Programme projects targeted at residents of designated areas of need within the former Motherwell District. The projects provided a dedicated information technology facility to enable a more flexible and intensive training programme aimed at enhancing the skills development of residents and to enable them to compete effectively in the employment market.
- 2.2 In addition the projects aims were also to increase local economic activity and enterprise through assisting the development of existing SME's and new business start-ups by developing skills levels of residents in designated areas.
- 2.3 To meet project objectives the former Motherwell Enterprise Development Company (MEDCO) were responsible for project management of the programmes delivered within the Southern Division on behalf of the Council. The projects have now terminated and due to the recent liquidation of MEDCO certain assets purchased to facilitate the projects require to be re-allocated.


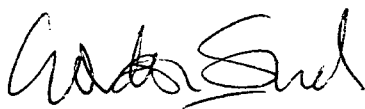
### 3. Proposed Re-allocation of Information Technology Equipment

- 3.1 It is proposed that the capital assets, funded through the former Urban Programme projects should continue to be used for the benefit of unemployed residents within North Lanarkshire in ways which would continue to provide an effective and efficient level of service delivery. It is proposed, therefore, to re-allocate the capital assets, detailed in Appendix 1, to the Economic Development Unit, Summerlee Training Resource Unit, Cumbernauld Area Enterprise and Motherwell Business Advice Centre.
- 3.2 This re-allocation of the capital assets would allow for the continual and future delivery of community economic development initiatives within the Council area and assist in planned developmental work associated with such initiatives. A complete list of the capital assets together with their re-allocation to the appropriate organisations is detailed in Appendix 1. The equipment re-allocated to the Economic Development Unit would replace existing lower specification equipment presently in use. The lower specification equipment would in turn be re-allocated to Summerlee Training Resource Unit and Cumbernauld Area Enterprise.
- 3.3 The reallocation of equipment as proposed has been discussed with Chief Executive's Department who have informed the manager that legal agreements are currently being drawn up which safeguard the Council position on the allocation of equipment to projects. These legal arrangements will be signed by all projects in respect of this equipment.

4. **Recommendation**

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and;

- (i) agree the re-allocation of information technology equipment previously utilised by the former Skillstart into Business/Information Technology Centre by the Director of Planning & Development as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.



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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>PC's</b>	<b>Allocated to:</b>
1	Compaq deskpro 5100	Economic Development Unit
2	Compaq Prolinea 590	" " "
3	Compaq Prolinea 590	" " "
4	Compaq deskpro 5100	" " "
5	Compaq deskpro	" " "
17	Compaq Prolinea 590	Motherwell Business Advice Centre
18	Compaq Deskpro	" " "
	3 ex-EDU PC's	Summerlee Training Resource Unit
	2 ex-EDU PC's	Cumbernauld Area Enterprise
6	Digital Ventura 466	Summerlee Training Resource Unit
7	Digital Ventura 466	" " "
8	Digital Ventura 466	" " "
9	Digital Ventura 466	Cumbernauld Area Enterprise
10	Digital Ventura 466	" " "
11	28" Monitor	Economic Development Unit
	<b>Printers</b>	
12	HP Laserjet 4 plus	Summerlee Training Resource Unit
13	HP Laserjet 4 plus	" " "
14	HP Deskjet 1600c	" " "
15	HP Deskjet 1600c	" " "
19	HP Deskjet 690c	" " "
20	HP Deskjet 600	" " "
16	1 Scanner Epson GT 8500	" " "
	5 Computer workstations	Summerlee Training Resource Unit/Cumbernauld Area Enterprise/Motherwell Business Advice Centre
	15 typist chairs	" " "