

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM No. 11

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: Training Resource Bank	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 26 Nov 98	Ref: TL/Rep504	

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks approval for the proposed allocation of Training Resource Bank funds for the period 1998/99

2 Background

2.1 As members may recall, the purpose of the Training Resource Bank is to provide funding towards innovative or pilot training programmes for unemployed people. The allocation of funding and the supervision and monitoring of projects is managed on behalf of the Council by Summerlee Training Resource Unit, whose manager reports to the Economic Development Unit.

2.2 There is an allocation of £72,615 for this financial year. It is proposed that £15,000 be spent on new/upgraded computer and other Information Technology equipment to provide training programmes in information and communications technology which are very much in demand by local groups.

2.3 It is proposed that the remainder of that funding be used as in the last financial year viz. the invitation to local groups to propose training programmes which would be eligible for the Training Resource Bank. Except under exceptional circumstances, awards will be up to a maximum of £10,000 per bid.

2.4 The selection process will be as undernoted:

- mailshot to potential bidders
- information session(s) held at STRU for interested parties
- distribution of proposal forms with guidelines
- preliminary assessment of bids by STRU with report going to EDU
- final recommendations from STRU to EDU
- report to Committee for approval on allocation of funds

2.5 In all successful cases the applicants will require to agree to specified conditions of award and will require to work in partnership with STRU on the development and management of the projects.

3 Recommendation

It is recommended that members approved the proposed process for the allocation of the Training Resource Bank funding for this period.



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