

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Social Inclusion Committee	Subject: Implementation Of The Scottish Learning Network In North Lanarkshire
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 20 December 1999	Ref: CE/010/002/002

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about the implementation of the Scottish Learning Network (SLN) in North Lanarkshire.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The SLN is a national project, implemented by a partnership formed by the European Union, the Scottish/Highlands and Island Enterprise Networks and the private sector. The project is funded under the ADAPT programme, with match funding provided by the Enterprise Network. The responsibility for the project implementation at local level rests with the respective Enterprise Companies, with the Lanarkshire Development Agency (LDA) being responsible for Lanarkshire.
- 2.2 The project seeks to establish a web-based platform and gateway for all potential learners in Scotland, providing a "first-stop-shop" for learning and guidance. It will also improve access through networks of Learning Centres and tutors to be distributed across Scotland. The target group are short term unemployed (i.e. unemployed for less than six months) and employees with a low skill level (i.e. with an NVQ 2 or below).
- 2.3 An established Information-Communication-Technology (ICT) working group exists, reporting to the board of the North Lanarkshire Partnership. The working group co-ordinates ICT related initiatives in Lanarkshire, and via this partnership arrangement LDA invited NLC to participate in the implementation of the SLN in North Lanarkshire. So far discussions have only taken place with regard to community access to the SLN. In total a budget of £120,000 is being made available for this purpose.
- 2.4 The Council welcomed this opportunity and presented a list of potential premises to receive funding via the SLN to LDA for consideration. A copy of the list is attached to the report as Appendix 1. NLC's proposal was underpinned by the main objective of broadening access to ICT in general, allowing as many people as possible access to IT training, on-line and distance learning as well as the specific facilities provided by the SLN. Special emphasis was placed on areas with a high degree of social deprivation.
- 2.5 The facilities included in the proposal are a mix of upgrading the technical infrastructure of existing sites operated by the Council and the establishment of new facilities. The new sites will be funded out of various budgets, with a contribution sought from the SLN.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is that the Committee

- (i) remit the report to the Economic Development and Community Service's Committees for their information; and
- (ii) otherwise note the content of this report


Chief Executive

Scottish Learning Network

North Lanarkshire Council Proposal

Projects in Priority Order

Prior.	Centre	Funding	Agg. Sum
1	Garrell Vale Community Ed. Centre existing site	6,300	6,300
2	Pivot C.E.C. existing site	6,300	12,600
3	Muirfield C.E.C. existing site	6,300	18,900
4	Townhead Community Centre existing site	7,300	26,200
5	Sage Centre (Sikeside, Coatbridge) existing site	6,300	32,500
6	Old Monkland P.S. (CARTE Group) existing site	8,300	40,800
7	Chapelside C.E.C. (Airdrie) existing site	6,300	47,100
8	Orbiston Business Centre (C.E. Suite) existing site	12,800	59,900
9	Castlehill P.S.(Gowtrapple)-C.E.Suite existing site	6,900	66,800
10	Cleland P.S. C.E.Suite existing site	6,300	73,100
11	Plains Local Training Support Centre existing site	6,029	79,129
12	Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre existing site	4,029	83,158
13	Glenboig Local Training Support Centre existing site	1,529	84,687
14	1 Proxy-Server for all small sites	2,710	87,397
15	Pat Cullinan Centre (Motherwell) new site	12,300	99,697
16	Shotts C.E.C. new site	6,300	105,997
17	Newarthill C.E.C. new site	5,960	111,957
18	Viewpark C.E.C new site	5,460	117,417
19	Charlotte Toal Centre new site	10,300	127,717
20	Link C.E.C. new site	12,300	140,017
21	Coatbridge C.E.C. new site	6,900	146,917
22	Harthill C.E.C recently established site	6,300	153,217
Total		153,217	153,217