

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: Working Together in Partnership: a Best Practice Document - report back to COSLA
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT	
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1 Purpose of Report

To advise members of the proposed joint response to COSLA's enquiry on progress in relation to the principles agreed by COSLA and Scottish Enterprise, "Working Together in Partnership: A Best Practice Document" and seek comments from Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that in February 1999 COSLA and Scottish Enterprise signed a document entitled "Working Together in Partnership: A Best Practice Document" setting out key principles of liaison and shared strategy development for local authorities and Local Enterprise Companies.
- 2.2 COSLA has requested progress reports from local authorities and LECs with specific reference to:
- a) how joint working has led and is planned to lead to integrated planning and delivery of services designed to reduce duplication and customer confusion;
 - b) pooling of resources in implement jointly agreed action plans arising out of joint strategies;
 - c) LECs working with Councils in the development of Community Planning.
- 2.3 Members will appreciate how relevant this exercise is, taking place as it does during the Scottish Parliament's current enquiry into the delivery of economic development services in Scotland. COSLA seeks a response by the 30 April 2000.
- 2.4 It is proposed that North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the LDA agree a joint response, quoting examples of Best Practice with indications of resources and management arrangements and the wider partnership contexts in which joint work is undertaken.
- 2.5 It is currently proposed that the Best Practice examples should be as show below, although it should be noted that these may be amended as joint discussions proceed.

Locate In Lanarkshire
 Lanarkshire Export Partnership
 Review of Services to SME's
 Review of Services to Unemployed People
 Environment Task Force(New Deal)
 Lanarkshire Technology and Innovation Centre

3 Recommendation

Members are asked to note the areas highlighted at paragraph 2.5 of this report, and approve they be included in the response to COSLA.



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