

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM NO.13.....
REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: ESF RESIDER II PROJECT - "COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REGENERATION SUPPORT"
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 8 June 2000	Ref: JT/REP.703	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the operation of the "Community Economic Regeneration Support" project for the period 1st January - 31 December 1999.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 The project, which was funded jointly by North Lanarkshire Council and the European Social Fund (ESF), provided business development support to community based organisations in the Resider areas of North Lanarkshire. The project was based at the Summerlee Training Resource Unit supervised and managed by the Economic Development Unit. A part-time business development officer engaged individually with community groups on their specific development plans/business training needs. This business development counselling service was supplemented by the provision of a programme of formal classroom based business management training courses. As well as the services of the business development officer and the business training courses the groups also accessed the facilities provided at the Unit - fully equipped training/meeting room, training resource library, business library. The project targeted community groups involved in the field of employment and training. Additional professional consultancy support was also provided within the scope of the ESF application in response to specific development requirements of the community groups.

3 1999 Programme

3.1 Project Budget

In total the budgetary provision for the 1999 (01.01.99-31.12.99) programme was £34,110. North Lanarkshire Council contributed £18,426 and the European Social Fund - Western Scotland Resider II contributed £15,075.

3.2 Project Targets and Outputs

The project targets, and the outputs as outlined in the ESF programme, were as follows:-

- 16 Training Courses to be run
- 39 Trainees to participate in the programme.
- 6 New projects to be started.
- 3032 trainee training hours to be completed.

- 14 new jobs to be created as a result of the programme.
- 10 people to move onto further training.
- 15 jobs to be safeguarded in existing community enterprises.

3.3 Details relating to the achievement of project targets are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Project Target	ESF Application Targets	Actual Outputs
Training Courses	16	17
Trainees	39	83
New Projects	6	7
Trainee Hours	3,032	3,735
Jobs Created	14	18
Further Training	10	5
Jobs Safeguarded	15	18

3.4 Excellent project outcomes have been made on all project targets with the exception of participants moving on to further training. Of particular significance are the outputs relating to participating trainees and number of jobs created/safeguarded.

4 Business Counselling

4.1 The project assisted the following groups on specific aspects of development work during 1999 -

Fallside Action Group - assisted with a business plan

The Safety Zone Community Project - have received assistance with fundraising.

Plains Countryside Park - have received assistance with staff recruitment and induction.

Mobile Sunny Childcare - have received assistance with business planning.

North Lanarkshire Federation of Food Co-ops - have received assistance with business planning.

Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre - have received assistance with fundraising and team building.

Greengairs Group - have received assistance with start-up and business planning.

Central North Lanarkshire Befriending Project – business planning and completion of a National Lottery Application (the application was successful and will provide 3 years funding and enable the extension of their operation to Chryston and Muirhead).

4.2 A programme of 17 business skills training courses were run at which between 76 people attended from 25 community organisations. The organisations, which participated in the programme were as follows:-

Central North Lanarkshire Befriending Project
 North Motherwell Community Partnership Forum
 Community and voluntary Organisations Council
 Mobile Sunny Childcare
 Plains Countryside Park
 Safe Play and Resource Centre

Caldercruix Youth and Community Project
 Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre
 Interplay Project

The Safety Zone Community Project
 Airdrie Citizens Advice Project
 Near Not Dear Food Co-op
 Sage Centre
 North Lanarkshire Volunteering and Development Agency
 Fallside Action Group
 Greengairs Initiative
 North Lanarkshire Federation of Food Co-ops
 Alexander Resource Centre
 Youth United Project
 Ta-lannh Housing Co-operative
 Stonylee Residents Association
 Parkinson Self-Help Group
 Petersburn Craigneuk Initiative
 Craigneuk Lone Parents Group
 Headway Monklands

5 Evaluation and Future Development

- 5.1 As a requirement of the Resider II programme an external evaluation of the Community Economic Regeneration Support programme has been commissioned on the impact of the programme. EKOS Ltd, economic development consultants, have been appointed and are due to report by the end of May. The report findings will be provided for the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Economic Development Committee:
- (i) note the contents of this report and that
 - (ii) a report on future development activity and the outcome of an external evaluation of the project will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.



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