

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. ....10.....

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject:  <b>SUPPORT WORKER (LOCAL TRAINING SUPPORT CENTRES) – TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF CONTRACT.</b>
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 24 August 2000	Ref: JT/Rep.722	

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Economic Development Committee in order to seek approval for a further temporary extension of the contract of the Support Worker (Local Training Support Centres)

**2 Sustainability**

- 2.1 The Support Officer initiative meets the sustainable development policy adopted by the Council through Local Agenda 21 by addressing elements of the sections listed below:-

Section 1 - "Building, Planning and Land Use"  
 Section 3 - "Economy and Work"  
 Section 5 - "Transport"  
 Section 8 - "Social Needs"  
 Section 10 - "Participation and Democracy"  
 Section 11 - "Partnership and Funding"

**3 Support Worker (Local Training Support Centres)**

- 3.1 Members will recall that at that the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on 8 June 2000 it was agreed to approve the temporary extension of the contract of the Support Worker until September 2000. Unfortunately due to a delay in the application process for submission of European Social Fund Objective 3 projects it is necessary to request a further contract extension.

- 3.2 It is the intention of the Council to apply for ESF Objective 3 funding to develop the initial work undertaken by the Support Worker to meet the operational needs of the Economic Development Unit and the strategic economic requirements of the Council inherent in the Corporate Plan. It is envisaged, however, that a decision on the project application will not be known until sometime in November and it is recommended that the contract extension be made up until December 2000 to cover any delay in the application process.

Funding to meet the cost of this extension to the contract can be met from within existing budgets.

- 3.3 The Head of Personnel Services has been consulted and is aware of the temporary extension of the Support Worker contract.

#### 4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Note the contents of this report and;
- (ii) Approve the temporary extension of the Support Worker (Local Training Support Centres) contract as detailed in this report and;
- (iii) Remit the report to the Personnel Services Committee for information.



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