



To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE 2nd QUARTER 2000/2001
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 23rd November 2000	Ref: FM/REP.744	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the progress for the second quarter (July to September 2000) of this year in the implementation of the Environment Task Force in Lanarkshire and the role of the Council within this option of New Deal.

2. **Sustainability**

- 2.1 The Environment Task Force meets the sustainable development policy adopted by the Council through Local Agenda 21 by addressing elements of all sections listed:-

- Section 1 "Building Planning and Land Use"
- Section 2 "Natural Environment"
- Section 3 "Economy and Work"
- Section 4 "Housing"
- Section 5 "Transport"
- Section 6 "Waste, Resource and Energy"
- Section 7 "Pollution"
- Section 8 "Social Needs"
- Section 9 "Arts, Culture and Leisure"
- Section 10 "Participation and Democracy"
- Section 11 "Partnership and Funding"

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The New Deal for 18 - 24 year olds in Lanarkshire is the keystone of the Government's Welfare To Work Initiative. While there are other key elements to New Deal, addressing unemployment among young people has been very much the initial focus of Government policy.

- 3.2 The main elements of New Deal for 18 - 24 year olds include:-

The Gateway - a period of up to 4 months during which individuals receive personally tailored support designed to assist them overcome barriers to accessing employment. This can be wide ranging including confidence building, careers guidance, and counselling around specific social problems like alcohol or drug abuse. This is followed by a referral to one of four options:-

- Jobs Option - employment by a participating company with the first six months supported by a job subsidy and £750 towards the cost of training.
- Full Time Education and Training Option - enrollment on a vocational course for up to a

- Voluntary Sector Option - placement for six months on voluntary projects providing work experience and training which helps to move individuals into the job market.
- **Environment Task Force (ETF)** - again a six month work experience placement within the Environmental sector providing work experience and training which helps to move individuals into the job market.

#### 4. **Council Management Role**

- 4.1 North Lanarkshire Council is leading a consortium, in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council, to deliver the Environment Task Force option of the New Deal across Lanarkshire, under contract to Employment Service. The day to day delivery is managed within the Economic Development Unit of the Planning and Environment Department.
- 4.2 The ETF is currently managed by a team within the Economic Development Unit consisting of an Economic Development Officer, Project Co-ordinator and Clerical Assistant. Due to the success and high volume of work of the ETF in Lanarkshire it was necessary to set up a team to ensure that the ETF continues to be delivered in an efficient and effective manner.

#### 5. **Delivery / Progress To Date**

- 5.1 The ETF is delivered through partnership with a range of training providers, local authorities and private companies contracted to North Lanarkshire Council. Appendix 1 gives details of the projects each provider currently has approved in Lanarkshire.
- 5.2 Lanarkshire is consistently the second largest ETF provider in Scotland, marginally behind Glasgow with 193 young people currently placed. Placements are offered either on the basis of a wage (ranging from £96 to £160 per week), or an allowance (benefit plus £15 per week) depending on the individual projects. Appendix 1 details the latest ETF statistics from 1st July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2000 including specific information for each project.
- 5.3 Appendix 2 and 3 gives a full account of the statistics from August 1998 to September 2000.

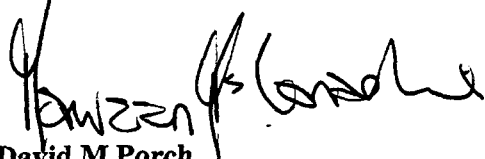
#### 6. **Theatre Arts Project / Progress Update**

- 6.1. The Committee may recall that at the Economic Development Committee meeting on 24 August 2000 (Paragraph 6 - Report dated 26 July 2000), the Committee were informed of the progress in relation to the Theatre Arts Project. As a result of discussions between representatives from South Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council, it has been agreed that rather than replicate this project in North Lanarkshire, it would be more cost effective to extend the current provision to include both North Lanarkshire schools and participants. In order to facilitate this it was agreed that we relocate the project from its current base in East Kilbride, to a central location with good transportation links to all areas of Lanarkshire.
- 6.2. Suitable premises were identified in Dalziel Workspace, Motherwell and a short-term lease agreement was negotiated with Dalziel Workspace management. The project including staff, equipment and participants relocated to the new premises in September 2000.
- 6.3. The project is funded via New Deal ETF, Training For Work and South Lanarkshire Council. An 18month financial forecast was carried out identifying a shortfall of £28,000. SLC have agreed to allocate £8,000 to the project and it is proposed that NLC allocate £20,000 from the Environment Task Force Management Income. A service level agreement will be drawn up covering this contribution and it is anticipated that performances will be targeted at primary schools on a pro-rata basis.
- 6.4. Committee will be given the opportunity to attend a special performance by the Theatre Arts Project before it goes on tour to educational establishments.

7. **Recommendations**

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

7.2 Note that future monitoring reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

  
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## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## Environment Task Force in Lanarkshire

## ETF Statistics 1st July to 30th September 2000.

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER	179*
NO OF STARTS	181
NO OF LEAVERS	167
CURRENTLY PLACED	193

\* Report to Committee on 24 August 2000 (Ref: REP727) indicated 187 to carry forward however there were 8 late notified leavers.

## WAGED OPPORTUNITIES

Provider	Location	Type of Work	No. of Places	Placed at 30/9/00
Everwarm	Livingstone	Energy Efficiency	20	10
Fibreglow	Shotts	Energy Efficiency	4	3
Microcom	Airdrie	Energy Efficiency	8	4
Multiskills	Blantyre	Energy Efficiency	18	6
NLC	Bellshill	Energy Efficiency	16	10
Transco Heat	South Lanarkshire	Energy Audit	4	3
SLC	Various	Landscaping	50	45
ROCK	Cumbernauld	GBO	5	3
The Wise Group	Various	Landscaping	40	28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>165</b>	<b>112</b>

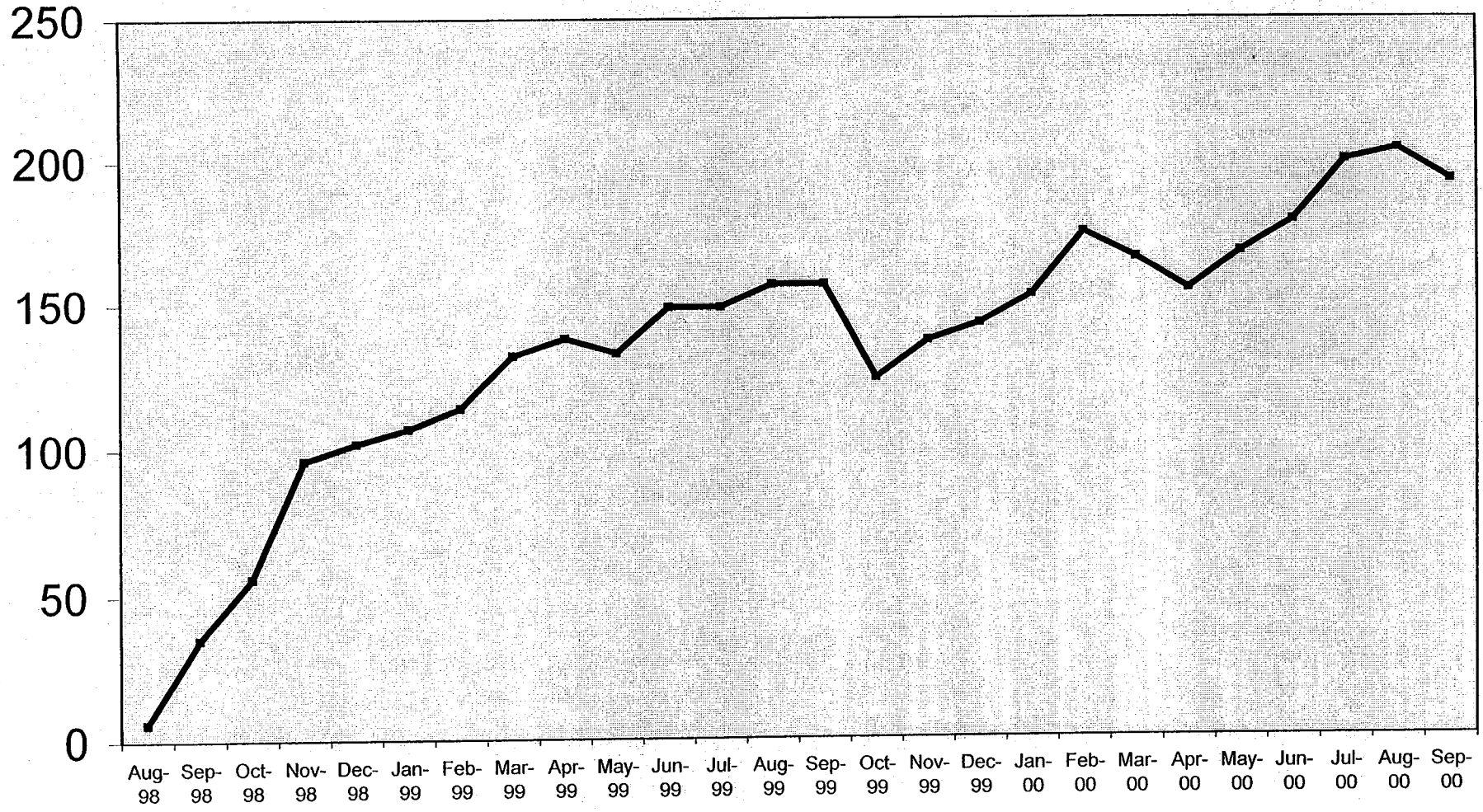
## ALLOWANCE BASED OPPORTUNITIES

Provider	Location	Type of Work	No. of Places	Placed at 30/6/00
<b>MI TECHNOLOGIES:</b>				
Pastoral Centre	Newmains	Landscaping	10	7
Summerlee Centre	Coatbridge	Landscaping	18	18
Summerlee Centre	Coatbridge	Ind. Painting	10	6
St Columbkilles	Rutherglen	Landscaping	10	7
St Marys Hospital	Lanark	Landscaping	12	7
<b>PROSPECTS:</b>				
DLC / Bothwell Woods	Blantyre	Landscaping	40	20
Rawyards Nursing	Airdrie	Landscaping	26	12
<b>SLC</b>				
Vocational Training Network	East Kilbride	Theatre Arts	8	4
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>150</b>	<b>81</b>

Leaver Destination 1st April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000.

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT	26 (16%)
DISMISSED / NON ATTENDANCE	96 (57%)
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER OPTION / OTHER	10 (6%)
COMPLETED 26 WEEKS	35 (21%)

# ETF Participation - Aug 98 to Sept 2000



**Lanarkshire Environment Task Force**

Month	Starters			Leavers			Placed		
	Allowance	Waged	Total	Allowance	Waged	Total	Allowance	Waged	Total
Aug-98	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6
Sep-98	24	7	31	2	0	2	28	7	35
Oct-98	22	15	37	12	4	16	38	18	56
Nov-98	28	26	54	12	2	14	54	42	96
Dec-98	13	1	14	7	1	8	60	42	102
Jan-99	22	0	22	14	3	17	68	39	107
Feb-99	35	10	45	30	8	38	73	41	114
Mar-99	42	13	55	29	8	37	86	46	132
Apr-99	29	28	57	35	16	51	80	58	138
May-99	24	12	36	26	15	41	78	55	133
Jun-99	43	3	46	22	8	30	99	50	149
Jul-99	38	0	38	32	6	38	105	44	149
Aug-99	46	9	55	30	17	47	121	36	157
Sep-99	30	26	56	47	9	56	104	53	157
Oct-99	30	18	48	59	22	81	75	49	124
Nov-99	38	5	43	22	8	30	91	46	137
Dec-99	34	10	44	31	7	38	94	49	143
Jan-00	37	12	49	32	7	39	99	54	153
Feb-00	47	27	74	41	11	52	105	70	175
Mar-00	46	29	75	50	34	84	101	65	166
Apr-00	32	12	44	43	12	55	90	65	155
May-00	30	20	50	26	11	37	94	74	168
Jun-00	49	25	74	48	15	63	95	84	179
Jul-00	23	37	60	23	16	39	95	105	200
Aug-00	26	44	70	32	34	66	89	115	204
Sep-00	32	19	51	29	33	62	92	101	193
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1041</b>			