

AGENDA ITEM NO.12.....

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND APPLICATIONS – ESF OBJECTIVE 3 OUTCOMES
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Economic Development Committee in order to inform Members of the outcome of the applications to the European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme for various economic development support measures.

2. ESF Objective 3

- 2.1 Objective 3 of the European Social Fund aims to combat long-term unemployment, and the integration of groups at risk of exclusion from the labour market, raises skill levels of those in employment and foster a more entrepreneurial culture. This is done by providing financial support towards the running costs of integrated projects.
- 2.2 The Scottish Operational Programme 2000-2006 is based on five strategic objectives.
- To develop a comparative and flexible workforce whilst reducing exclusion and preventing long term joblessness.
 - To enhance the skills and entrepreneurial base of the economy to allow Scotland to compete successfully in the global economy.
 - To promote learning and training across all sectors of the Scottish workforce.
 - To enhance the opportunities available to individuals currently excluded from economic and social activities within Scotland.
 - To ensure equality of access to, and opportunity within the Scottish economy.

3. ESF Objective 3 Timetable

- 3.1 The Objective 3 Operational Programme was submitted to the European Commission for approval in December 1999 and after several months of negotiations with Directorate General Employment and Social Affairs, formal approval was granted on 18 July 2000. The first call for applications under the 2000/2006 Programme had a deadline of Friday 8 September 2000. The results were published on Thursday 21 December 2000.
- 3.2 A report dated 28 July 2000 was submitted to committee on 24 August 2000 seeking approval to make applications for funding under various measures. The Council has been notified by Scottish ESF Objective 3 Partnership that all of the applications submitted by North Lanarkshire Council's Economic Development Unit and in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council have been successful in achieving funding. Appendix 1 to this report details the successful projects with a breakdown of the funding.

3.3 The total value of funding levered from Objective 3 for the projects amounts to £2,168,711 – this includes multi-annual funding for programmes as well as projects developed in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee :-

- (i) Note the contents of this report



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ESF Objective 3 Applications

Project Title	Council Contribution	Partners	European Funding
Lanarkshire Business Training Grant – 3 year	174,200	SLC	1,075,545
Lanarkshire Job Rotation Programme – 3 year	167,223	SLC, WEA, SEL, ES	745,057
Lanarkshire Training Fund	19,224	SLC	100,000
Business Start-up in SIP Areas	5,000	SEL, SIP, SLC	5,000
Womens Placement Programme	30,705	NL Colleges, SIP	33,304
Working for a Safer North Lanarkshire	15,000	Wise Group, SIP, ND	96,245
Better Homes – Stronger Communities – 3 year	123,796	Scottish Homes	113,560

SLC - South Lanarkshire Council
 SEL - Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire
 SIP - Social Inclusion Partnership
 WEA - Workers Educational Association
 ES - Employment Services
 ND - New Deal