

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: Education Committee	Subject: Early education development grant 2000/2001: Update
From: Director of Education	
Ref: MM/JMcA	
Date: 13/01/01	

**Purpose of Report**

To advise members of further proposals to expand early years provision.

**Recommendation**

The education committee is recommended:

- (i) to approve the further allocations of development grant as detailed in section 3.
- (ii) to approve the establishments of the posts as detailed in section 3
- (iii) to approve the carry forward of development grant as detailed in section 4.
- (iv) to note the revised expenditure of 2000/2001 development grant as detailed in section 5.
- (v) to refer this report to the personnel committee for approval of the additional posts detailed in paragraph 3.3 table 3.

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# NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Early Education Development Grant 2000/2001: Update

### Report by the director of education

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Scottish Executive has established a nursery place for all three and four year olds by the year 2002 as a target. To support this initiative it has established a development fund.
- 1.2 In October 2000 the education committee approved the allocation of funding to particular projects. In addition other possible projects were identified. This report has two aims:
- (a) to seek approval for further projects.
- (b) To give details of projects which have not proceeded to plan and where funding needs to be carried forward to 2001/2002.

#### 2 Development grant funding.

- 2.1 The funding available in 2000/2001 is shown in table 1:

Table 1: 2000/2001 development grant

Development fund	£
Carried forward 1999/2000	739,000
2000/2001	1,436,103
Additional grant 2000/2001	131,084
Total	2,306,187

### 3 Proposed new projects

- 3.1 In the October committee report broad approval for projects in Motherwell, Bellshill and Kilsyth was given.
- 3.2 It is proposed to develop the following projects in these two areas. The staffing costs will be met from the pre-school place funding also provided by the Scottish Executive.

Table 2: proposed new projects

Location	Centre	Number of places (FTE)	Development grant allocation.
Motherwell (central)	Ailsa nursery Centre	24	145,000
Bellshill	Mossend Nursery class	7	15,700
	St Gerards Nursery Class	10	11,000
Kilsyth	New Nursery Centre	40	186,000

Table 3: Staffing Costs

Centre	Staff	Grade	Full year costs including on-costs
Ailsa Nursery Centre	3 prefive workers	SCP 10-18	£47,049
	7hrs 15min Additional clerical hours	GS1/2	£2222
Mossend Nursery Class	Nursery nurse	NNQ	£15,683
	6hr 42min Additional clerical hours	GS1/2	£2053
St Gerards Nursery Class	1 Nursery Nurse	NNQ	£15,683
	0.17min Addition clerical hours	GS1/2	£86
Kilsyth Nursery Centre	Head of Centre	SCP 31-39	£30,126
	Depute	SCP 19-30	£26,070
	4 prefive workers	SCP 10-18	£62,732
	29hr 45min clerical hours	GS1/2	£9116

- 3.3 The lack of outdoor play facilities has been identified in HMI reports as a weakness in many early education centres. As a result the department has undertaken an audit of existing provision and it is proposed to allocate £100,000 from the development grant to address needs.

#### 4. Delayed Projects

4.1 The projects listed below have been delayed and will not be completed by the end of the 2000/2001. However, it is proposed to continue the funding into 2001/2002 and to extend the projected completion date for the projects.

Table 4: delayed projects

Project	Projected carry forward	Reason for delay	Completion date
Cambusnethan Nursery Centre	£78,000	Involvement of consultants required.	May 2001
Shotts Nursery Centre	£280,000	Records indicate mine workings. Extensive site investigations required.	Mid May 2001
Stepps Nursery Centre	£250,000	Initial site proved to be unsuitable. Further delays occurred due to planning restrictions.	May 2001
Honeytree Nursery (Kirk 'o' Shotts Primary)	£98,000	Difficulties with the specification for the school dining hall.	July 2001
Mossend Nursery Class	£15,000	Building warrant application delayed. Work to be carried out during school holidays	July 2001
Lammermoor Nursery Class	£15,000	Building warrant application delayed. Work to be carried out during school holidays	July 2001
Kilsyth Nursery Centre	£186,000	Difficulty identifying suitable site.	December 2001

4.2 As a result of these delays £922,000 will be carried forward into 2001/2002.

## 5. Development grant expenditure 2000-2001

5.1 The revised overall allocation of the 2000-2001 development grant is detailed in table 5.

Table 5: Development grant 2000-2001

Centre	Building/ Adaptations	Equipment	Other	Total	New Places
Ailsa Nursery centre	125,000	15,000		140,000	24FTE
Bargeddie Playgroup	12,825	1,944		14,769	18FTE
Bellshill Nursery Centre	812	1,780		2,592	16FTE
Calder Nursery Class	500	1,278		1,778	5FTE
Cambusnethan Nursery Centre	102,700	25,000		127,700	40FTE
Carbrain Nursery Class		2,000		2,000	20FTE
Chapelgreen Nursery Class			129	129	
Corsewall St Playgroup	10,350	2,831		13,181	20FTE
Cumbernauld College	60,000			60,000	26FTE
Dunbeth Nursery Centre	109	280		389	
Glenmanor Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	10FTE
Honeytree Nursery	98,000			98,000	12FTE
Jigsaw Nursery Centre		16,000		16,000	
Kildrum Nursery Centre	109	837		946	8FTE
Kilsyth Nursery Centre	186,000			186,000	
Lammermoor Nursery Class	15,238	1,000		16,238	10FTE
Millerston Playgroup		345		345	
Mossend Nursery Class	15,000	700		15,700	7FTE
New Monkland Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	10FTE
Newarthill Nursery Centre	16,616	7,303	100	24,019	16FTE
Newmains Nursery Centre	600	1,600		2,200	
Orbiston Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	
Our Lady & St. Josephs Nursery Class	9,750	1,000		10,750	10FTE
Richard Stewart Nursery Centre		800		800	8FTE
Rochsolloch Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	10FTE
Shawhead Nursery Centre	370,505	20,118		390,623	56FTE
Shotts Nursery Centre	470,000	16,326	132	486,458	24FTE
St Aloysius Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	10FTE
St Andrews Nursery Class		1,000		1,000	10FTE
St Edwards Nursery Class		313		313	
St Gerards Nursery Class	10,000	1,000		11,000	10FTE
St Serfs Nursery Class	16,650	1,000		17,650	
Stepps Nursery Centre	350,000	25,000		375,000	56FTE
Stepps Playgroup		188		188	
Townhead Nursery Class		800		800	8FTE
Wishaw Nursery Centre	115,416	19,832	500	135,704	40FTE
Training/Seconded officer			47,035	47,035	
Transport from Cumbernauld to Croy			1,836	1,836	
Outdoor facilities			100,000	100,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,986,180</b>	<b>170,275</b>	<b>149,732</b>	<b>2,306,187</b>	<b>484FTE</b>
Carry forward to 2001-2002			922,000		

## 6 Recommendations

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