

To: EDUCATION RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SCHOOL TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR POST - PROGRESS REPORT
From: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
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### Summary

This is a progress report on the work of the school travel co-ordinator, recently appointed as part of a Scottish Executive initiative.

### Recommendations

The education resources sub-committee is asked to :-

- (1) to note the progress of the school travel project established as part of a Scottish Executive initiative.
- (2) to request an evaluation report to a future meeting of the sub-committee.

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## **North Lanarkshire Council : Department of Education**

### **School Travel Co-ordinator Post : Progress Report Joint Report by The Director of Education & Director of Planning and Environment**

#### **1 Background**

1.1 In 2003 Scottish Ministers, offered grant assistance for the purpose of employing one or more School Travel Co-ordinator. The amount of grant made available to North Lanarkshire Council is £48,100 in 2003/2004 and £64,000 in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006.

1.2 The main aims of the scheme are to promote more sustainable and environmentally friendly travel choices for school-related trips, to reduce the volume of school-related vehicular trips, and to address the associated concerns for congestion and road safety

#### **2 Implementation in North Lanarkshire**

2.1 The department of planning and environment in association with the department of education appointed a school travel co-ordinator at the end of 2003. She is part of the Road Safety Education team based at the Brandon Street office.

2.2 The following strategic objectives have been established for the post.

- To promote the health and environmental benefits of active school travel choices;
- To promote best practice in individual schools;
- To advise on the technical aspects of identified potential options;
- To liaise with school travel teams;
- To co-ordinate the work of travel teams within any cluster of schools;
- To assess the applicability of recommendations in the SSTAG report in their council areas;
- To co-ordinate school travel initiatives across the relevant departments; To make recommendations on school travel related proposals for the spending of local authority cycling, walking and safer streets allocations and provision of facilities; and
- To liaise with school travel co-ordinators from other areas where appropriate.

2.3 Currently, specific priorities for action are being identified. These will be the basis of a travel Plan. It is envisaged that individual travel plans will be developed by school team, consisting of parents, teachers, pupils and authority staff.

2.4 Regular progress reports will be submitted to the sub-committee.

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