

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: HOUSING COMMITTEE		Subject: CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SCOTTISH OFFICE CHALLENGE COMPETITION BIDS SUCCESS
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise that the two bids submitted to the Scottish Office for CCTV project part funding have been successful.

2. Background

- 2.1 As reported to the Housing Committee on 1 May 1996, the Scottish Office had invited bids for up to 50% of the capital costs of installing Closed Circuit Television systems. Given the tight timescale for bid submission (14 June 1996) and previous work undertaken in preparing schemes and consulting communities, it was agreed that bids be submitted for a project at Forgewood and for extension to an existing system at Gowkthrapple.

3. Bid Success

- 3.1 The Scottish Office Crime Prevention Unit advised on 21 August 1996 that both our bids have been successful and have offered North Lanarkshire Council an award of 50% of the total capital costs to be made this financial year, as follows:

- Gowkthrapple CCTV extension, award of £29,000
- Forgewood CCTV project, award of £125,000

4. Implications

- 4.1 The grant award is subject to expenditure this financial year and separate monitoring and auditing of the expenditure involved. Capital Contributions totalling £41,000 have also been pledged from Scottish Homes, Housing Associations and Co-operatives active in each area. The combined capital investment for both projects totals £308,000 of which £113,000 would be contributed by North Lanarkshire Council

funded from our Housing Capital Expenditure budget for 1996/97 and 1997/98.

5. Future Developments

- 5.1 The Scottish Office have advised that they intend repeating the Challenge Fund Competition in each of the next two financial years, but no further details are available at this time. Potential future bids will be investigated and reported to committee in due course.

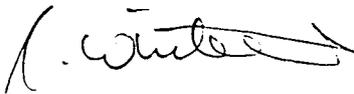
6. Recommendations.

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- a) Agree to accept the offer of grant award from the Scottish Office.
- b) Approve expenditure totalling £113,000 from the 1996/7 & 1997/98 HRA Capital Programme in respect of the councils contribution to these projects.
- c) Approve the immediate implementation of both projects.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Available from Housing Department.



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