

To: HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: Financial Assistance for Glasgow Housing Aid Centre
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider Shelter's request for financial support to assist with the running costs of the Glasgow Housing Aid Centre .

2. Background


- 2.1 Glasgow Housing Aid Centre is operated by Shelter and is based at 53 St Vincent Crescent, Glasgow. The centre offers telephone and drop-in advice to people who are homeless or badly housed. Staff provide an advocacy service and liaise with councils and other organisations to resolve individual housing problems. The total cost for running this service in 2000/01 was £111k.
- 2.2 Shelter state that in 2000/01 the centre advised and supported over 1,000 households, of which about 15% were North Lanarkshire residents.
- 2.2 Shelter has written to the Council to request £1,600 to assist with the running costs of the Glasgow Housing Aid Centre, which equates to the running costs of the centre for 3 days.
- 2.3 There is provision within the 2001/02 revenue estimates for approving this request.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the committee considers the request as outlined in Section 2 of this report

4. Background Information

- 4.1 Background papers are available within the Housing and Property Services Department.


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