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1. Background

- 1.1 Strathclyde Country Park occupies a 700 hectare site between Hamilton and Motherwell and is divided by the M74 and River Clyde. The river will act as the boundary between South Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire. Approximately 75% of operational funding and activity applies to North Lanarkshire. This involves all of Strathclyde Loch and around 60% of the land area.
- 1.2 Strathclyde Park is part of an impressive countryside portfolio in North Lanarkshire. Other sites include Palacerigg Country Park (304 hectares), Drumpellier Country Park (198 hectares) and Dalzell Country Park (53 hectares).
- 1.3 The revenue budget of £4,089,760 is shown in disaggregated format in Appendix I.

North Lanarkshire net expenditure is £2,299,440 and South Lanarkshire net expenditure is £871,120.
- 1.4 26.5 employees would be allocated to South Lanarkshire and 76.4 employees would be allocated to North Lanarkshire. Details are given in Appendix II.
- 1.5 The respective locations of park facilities are shown in Appendix III. However, it should be noted that the forthcoming development of Hamilton Town Centre will extend over part of the present park area in South Lanarkshire.

2. Future Management Arrangements

- 2.1 The Scottish Office recently published "Management Options for Regional Parks" but only considered Loch Lomond Park, Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, Pentland Hills Regional Park and Fife Regional Park to fall within this category.

In a passing reference to the future of Country Parks, the report which was prepared by the Central Research Unit, said the following:-

"Future of Country Parks

While outwith the brief for this study, representatives of Strathclyde Regional Council, the Council for Scottish Parks, Scottish Countryside Rangers Association and others have expressed concerns that there is no equivalent review of multi-authority country parks - especially Strathclyde Country Park and Mugdock Country Park, both of which serve a regional and sub-regional functions.

Recommendation 16

Scottish Natural Heritage should review future management options for multi-authority country parks, especially those providing a regional or sub-regional function and seek to ensure that past investment and the future of these parks is safeguard during and following local government reorganisation."

- 2.2 The North Lanarkshire Council Leisure Services Working Group listed 4 options in its report to the Joint Working Group:

- 2.2.1 Disaggregation
- 2.2.2 Joint Board
- 2.2.3 Lead Authority
- 2.2.4 Joint Committee

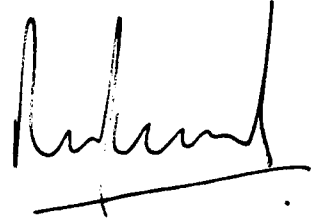
- 2.3 The 6 present Directors of Leisure Services (or equivalent) within Lanarkshire met on 6 April 1995 to consider Strathclyde Country Park and were not convinced that the case for the retention of the park as a single unit has been justified. There was a view expressed that the Park had two very different characteristics and that the Clyde and M74 significantly affected the perception of a single unit. It was noted that if the park should be disaggregated, there would remain a need to maintain mechanisms for close co-operation and liaison.

- 2.4 In the interests of the present employees based at Strathclyde Country Park an early decision on its future management arrangements is required. The matter is due to be considered by the South Lanarkshire Council in the near future.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Strathclyde Country Park is disaggregated.
- 3.2 That the name "Strathclyde Country Park" be retained.

- 3.3 That the Director of Leisure Services agree appropriate operational arrangements for liaison between South Lanarkshire Council / North Lanarkshire Council officials on park matters of joint interest.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

STRATHCLYDE COUNTRY PARK

REVENUE BUDGET - DISAGGREGATION

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>NORTH LANARKSHIRE</u>	<u>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE</u>
EMPLOYEE COSTS	1,273,000.00	449,110.00
PROPERTY COSTS	192,910.00	43,830.00
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	207,470.00	42,350.00
WORK BY CONTRACTORS	410,080.00	358,270.00
TRANSPORT COSTS	23,900.00	10,260.00
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	36,350.00	12,800.00
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT COSTS	102,410.00	35,980.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	27,360.00	-
OTHER EXPENDITURE	9,950.00	3,360.00
LOAN CHARGES	697,300.00	153,070.00
<u>GROSS EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2,980,730.00</u>	<u>1,109,030.00</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
SCALES/FEES/CHARGES + HOTEL	346,200.00	95,110.00
GRANT	310,330.00	109,040.00
OTHER	24,760.00	33,760.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>681,290.00</u>	<u>237,910.00</u>
<u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2,299,440.00</u>	<u>871,120.00</u>

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STAFF - DISAGGREGATION

	<u>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE</u>	<u>NORTH LANARKSHIRE</u>	<u>FULL PARK</u>
<u>APTC:</u>			
FT	13	28	41
PT	0.75	4.25	5
APTC TOTAL	13.75	32.35	46
<u>NJC</u>			
FT	11	37	48
PT	1.75	7	8.75
NJC TOTAL	12.75	44	56.75

FT = FULL TIME
PT = PART TIME

Disaggregating Strathclyde Park?

NLC 60% land area

SLC 40% land area

NLC

Watersport Centre
Loch
Rowing Course
Fairground
Caravan & Camping Site
Bridlepaths
Play Areas x 7
Footpath x 50km
Roman Baths
Conditioning Gym
Pavilions x 2
Grass Pitches x 3

SLC

Bowling Green
Tennis Courts x 10
Putting Green
Pitch & Putt
Golf Course - 9 hole

Play Area x 1
Footpath x 10 km
Grass Pitches x 10

Future:

Hotel
Target Range
Visitor Complex
New Fairground