

AGENDA ITEM No.....6.....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: ANNUAL GRANTS TO COMMUNITY CENTRES
From: HEAD OF SPORT & RECREATION		
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1. **Introduction**

North Lanarkshire has, for the last three years, paid annual revenue grants to three community centres previously part funded by Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council:

Banton and Kelvinhead Community Centre
Croy Community Centre
Queenzieburn Community Centre

Grants are paid subject to submission of an annual application and the production of a set of the previous years Annual Accounts.

2. **Background**

2.1 Within regard to the administration of the three facilities mentioned, the approach adopted by the former Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council was to remove the caretaking and cleaning provision previously provided by the Council.

This approach was adopted following a review of the costs associated with caretaking provision to the respective facilities, the former Council implementing a policy whereby a Grant was offered to the respective Community Hall Committee. In the view of the Council, this approach was both more cost effective in servicing the needs of village communities, and at the same time engendered a larger degree of community support and involvement.

2.2 **Pre-Spend Policy**

Due to various factors, the centres have only recently received their 1998/99 grants, being due to receive their 1999/2000 allocation on or after 1 April 1999. It is therefore proposed that the 1999/2000 grants should be paid in March 1999 as part of the Department of Leisure Services pre-spend outlined in the budget reduction exercise for 1999/2000.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) subject to submission of satisfactory application forms by each centre, the Director of Leisure Services should be authorised to pay annual revenue grants for 1999/2000 to Queenzieburn, Croy and Banton and Kelvinhead Community Centres in March 1999.
- 2) these grants should be at the same level as for 1998/1999, namely:

Banton and Kelvinhead	3,500
Croy	4,000
Queenzieburn	5,000

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