

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

To: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: ANNUAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2005/06
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 14th MARCH 2005	Ref: DR/	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of the Planning & Environment Committee the payment of Annual Community Grant Awards to seven voluntary and community organisations including the Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABx) and Routes to Work.

2. Background

- 2.1 North Lanarkshire Council supports a range of voluntary and community organisations through an annual grant scheme.
- 2.2 The Planning & Environment Department has responsibility for administration of grants to 7 organisations that received funding totalling £368,929 in 2004/05.
- 2.3 The Planning & Environment Department has also been given responsibility for the administration and monitoring of funding for outreach work by Coatbridge CAB that had previously been managed by the North Lanarkshire Social Inclusion Partnership.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 Details of the amounts of annual grants to be awarded to the five Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABx) and two other community organisations are given in appendix 1 of this report.
- 3.2 The total recommended funding level for 2005/06 is £379,998. This includes 3.0% growth on the grant awarded in 2004/05 to cover inflationary increases, as approved as part of the Council's budget process.
- 3.3 New three-year service level agreements will be agreed where appropriate by the organisations and the Council, and officers of the Trading Standards service will monitor compliance.

- 3.4 The amounts shown for the CABx do not include funding for money advice awarded by the Scottish Executive for additional debt advice services following from the Debt Arrangement & Attachment (Scotland) Act, which is the subject of a separate report to the Committee.
- 3.5 Coatbridge CAB Community Outreach Project has previously received SIP funding for outreach provision. With the ending of SIP status, approval was given to the continuation of taper funding up to a maximum of £35,000 per annum from Community Regeneration and mainstream resources for the next three years (i.e. 2005/2008) culminating in this activity being mainstreamed.
- 3.6 This funding is to be transferred to the Planning & Environment budget for allocation, and performance monitoring of activities in compliance with a contractual service level agreement will again be undertaken.

4. **Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- approve the funding recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1, and
 - otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Planning & Environment Department Projects Annual Grants 2004/2005

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	2004/05 Award £	Recommended Funding 2005/06 £
Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau	Revenue costs including staffing, administration, and property costs, membership fees and development costs.	86,200	88,786
Bellshill and District Citizens Advice Bureau	Staffing, administrations, property cost and service development costs.	33,289	34,288
Coatbridge Citizens Advice Bureau	Staffing, administration, property costs, membership fees and development costs.	46,720	48,122
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Citizens Advice Bureau	Staffing costs, administration, property costs and membership fees.	43,217	44,514
Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau - Motherwell Bureau - Wishaw Bureau	Employee, property and service development costs.	45,553 35,000	46,920 36,050
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre	To provide information on all aspects of welfare benefits and act as representatives at industrial tribunals	39,012	40,182

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	2004/05 Award	Recommended Funding 2005/06
		£	£
Routes to Work Ltd	Contribution towards operating costs of North Lanarkshire wide partnership initiative to deliver employment and training opportunities to disadvantaged people	39,938	41,136
Sub Total		368,929	379,998