

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 6.(c)

To: Planning and Development Committee	Subject: Kelvin Valley Countryside Project Joint Committee	
From: Director of Administration		
Date: 10 December 1997	Ref: CA/PD/15/2	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the appointment of 2 Members to act as substitute Members to the Kelvin Valley Countryside Project Joint Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Kelvin Valley Countryside Project was established in 1990 to address environmental issues and undertake associated projects in the countryside area adjacent to the north east of Greater Glasgow's urban fringe. The geographical area covers approximately 54 m² and includes Stepps, Easterhouse, Muirhead, Moodiesburn, Chryston, Bishopbriggs, Gartcosh and Milton of Campsie.
- 2.2 On 21 August 1996 the Council, at a Meeting of its Planning and Development Committee, formally agreed to participate in the establishment of a Joint Committee for the Project in terms of Part V of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- 2.3 The Joint Committee comprises 4 voting Members - 2 Elected Members from this Authority and 2 Elected Members from Glasgow City Council. Scottish Natural Heritage and the National Farmers Union are represented at meetings and, in addition, East Dunbartonshire Council have a degree of involvement which, at this stage, is restricted to an "observational" capacity.
- 2.4 Glasgow City Council have agreed to act as Treasurer and Employer for the Project and, at its meeting on 19 November 1997, the Planning and Development Committee agreed to the Administration Department of the Council providing a Secretariat service.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 North Lanarkshire Council are represented on the Joint Committee and in this respect Councillors Craigie and Wallace have been appointed as the Council's representatives.
- 3.2 The Minute of Agreement for the Joint Committee between Glasgow City Council and North Lanarkshire Council states that "The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be three voting Members, although each Council must have at least one Member present to constitute a quorum".
- 3.3 In practical terms this means that a quorum for Joint Committee meetings is 75% of actual Local Authority representation and, not surprisingly there have been a number of occasions where, owing to the want of a quorum, meetings of the Joint Committee have not proceeded.

- 3.4 The current Minute of Agreement of the Joint Committee provides for the appointment of substitute Members to serve on the Joint Committee in the event that any Member is unable to attend and it is recommended that the Council appoint two substitute Members to the Joint Committee which hopefully will alleviate past problems associated with obtaining a quorum for meetings.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Committee appoint 2 Members to act as substitute Members of the Kelvin Valley Project Joint Committee.


Director of Administration

Should any member require further information please contact Mr T. Gaffney at extension 2342.