

REPORT

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB COMMITTEE	Subject: COMMUNITY HELP AND RESOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING	
From: CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
Date: 21 May, 1996	Ref: MC/AD	

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Help and Resource Information Service (CHRIS) was established in Croy Village in 1994 to provide information and advice to the public on a range of matters including welfare benefits, education and training opportunities and Council services
- 1.2 The project was initially funded by Strathclyde Regional Council at a cost of £11,913 in 1994-95 which allowed the purchase of a computer terminal, the establishment of an office base and the employment of a part-time information worker.
- 1.3 In 1995-96 Dunbartonshire Enterprise awarded a grant to allow the information worker's post to be made full-time.
- 1.4 Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council agreed to lease the former rent office in Croy to the Management Committee for a nominal rent.

2 Operation of the Project

- 2.1 The project provides the only public service in the village and has been successful in providing a range of information locally in a rural area of multiple deprivation.

3 Future Funding Arrangements

- 3.1 Lanarkshire Development Agency have agreed in principle to contribute £8,000 to the project on a provisional basis subject to match funding being awarded by North Lanarkshire Council.
- 3.2 The disaggregated budget for Rural Initiatives from which the project was funded is held by the Chief Executive's Department.

4 **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee

- (1) agree to a match funding contribution of £8,000, and
- (2) otherwise note the contents of the report.


Chief Executive