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Motherwell, 28 May 1996 at 11 a.m.

A Meeting of the POLICY AND RESOURCES
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Moran, Convener; Councillors McKendrick and Murphy.

CHAIR

Councillor Moran (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Core Services Officer and Assistant Chief Executive (Operations).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Heberton, H. McGuigan, Robertson and Russell.

REMIT OF POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
SUB-COMMITTEE

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 March 1996, there was submitted a report dated 21 May 1996 by the Chief Executive regarding the remit of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee.

Decided:that the terms of the report be noted.

PRESENTATION ON POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION IN NORTH
LANARKSHIRE

2. The Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) gave a presentation on poverty and deprivation in North Lanarkshire and thereafter answered questions by members.

Decided:that the presentation be noted.

UNITING BRITAIN CAMPAIGN IN SCOTLAND - "Roots of the Future" -
Sponsorship

3. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 1996 by the Chief Executive indicating that
 - (1) the Commission for Racial Equality had launched a new project called "Roots of the Future" which will emphasise the positive contributions made to the social, economic and cultural life in this country by individuals and

communities from a rich variety of backgrounds the main vehicles for the project being a book and a travelling exhibition which will tour major cities, including Glasgow and Edinburgh between July 1996 and early 1997, and

- (2) the Commission were offering Founding Patrons and all new authorities priority notification of sponsorship opportunities within the Campaign during 1996/97.

Decided:

- (1) that the Chief Executive obtain further information on sponsorship arrangements for the Roots of the Future Project, and
- (2) that otherwise the contents of the report be noted.

COMMUNITY HELP AND RESOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE (CHRIS)
PROJECT, CROY

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 1996 by the Chief Executive (1) regarding the Community Help and Resource Information Services which had been 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; (2) intimating that the project provided the only public service in the village and had been successful in providing a range of information locally in a rural area of multiple deprivation and that Lanarkshire Development Agency had agreed in principle to contribute \$8,000 towards the continuation of the project subject to matching funding being awarded by North Lanarkshire Council, and (3) indicating that the disaggregated budget for Rural Initiatives from which the project was funded was held by the Chief Executive's Department.

Decided:

- (1) that a match funding contribution of \$8,000 be approved;
- (2) that similar communities be made aware of the financial assistance available, and
- (3) that otherwise the contents of the report be noted.

MOTHERWELL AREA SAFETY FOR KIDS (MASK) EVENT

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 May 1996 giving details of the Motherwell Area Safety for Kids (MASK) event, the primary objective of which is to raise children's awareness of the dangers within their homes and communities and intimating that the total cost of the event is estimated at \$3,700 which included \$450 for the hire of Strathclyde Park Watersports Centre

as the venue for the event and \$1,100 for the erection of temporary partitions.

Decided:

- (1) that the MASK event be endorsed;
- (2) that a request to waive the costs associated with the hire of the Watersports Centre be remitted to the Leisure Services Committee;
- (3) that funding of \$1,100 from the Chief Executive's Department budget to meet the costs of erecting temporary partitions be approved, and
- (4) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - Remit from the meeting of North Lanarkshire Council - 16 May 1996

6. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of meeting of the Council held on 16 May 1996 when consideration of the report by the Chief Executive dated 24 April 1996 regarding the establishment and operation of an Interim Community Grants Scheme was remitted with powers to this Sub-Committee, there was submitted the said report (docketed).

The Sub-Committee noted that there is a sum of \$345,000 in the Chief Executive's revenue budget for 1996/97 for community grants.

Decided: that the establishment of an Interim Community Grants Scheme be approved as proposed in the report subject to the following:-

- (1) that the allocation of the Community Grants budget whereby \$3,500 is ringfenced for each ward be approved;
- (2) that the interim application form, eligibility criteria, notes for guidance, conditions of grant, officer assessment report forms, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 be approved subject to certain minor amendments to the interim application form;
- (3) that it be noted that funding amounting to \$31,000 would be allocated to Play Schemes from the total budget of \$345,000, and
- (4) that otherwise the contents of the report be noted.