

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: URBAN PROGRAMME - JOINT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF PROJECTS WITH SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
From: CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
Date: 9 August 1996	Ref: SC/IG	

**1 Introduction**

1.1 Due to the previous operational arrangements of Strathclyde Regional Council, there are several Urban Programme projects with a remit covering parts of both North and South Lanarkshire. The nature of these projects and their limited life span means that in the main it would be inappropriate to sub-divide them into two separate operations and accordingly joint management and supervision arrangements are required.

1.2 Discussions have been held with the Scottish Office and South Lanarkshire Council on the management arrangements for the following projects.

**2 Description and Management Arrangements**

(a) **Project Name:** Proposed Greenspace Action **Project No:** C/468/92  
**Termination Date:** April, 1997

**Description:** The project's remit is to enhance the employment prospects of young people by involving them in environmental improvement schemes, and it is managed by a voluntary management committee which includes representation from eligible communities.

**Proposed Action:** Given that North Lanarkshire Council has the greatest proportion of budget and clients it is proposed that the Council assume the lead role in the management of this project. In relation to the financial operations of the project, it is anticipated that North Lanarkshire Council will pay the full quarterly payments to the project recouping 40% of the balance from South Lanarkshire Council. As North Lanarkshire Council are assuming a lead role then Finance Department will be required to process the 1995/96 grant claim in respect of this project.

(b) **Project Name:** Skillstart Into Business **Project No:** C/466/94  
**Termination Date:** November, 1996 (Provisional)

**Description:** The remit of this project is to encourage and develop self-employment and business start-ups. The project is delivered through contract with the three local enterprise development companies. Funding has been allocated 66% to North Lanarkshire Council and 33% to South Lanarkshire Council.

**Proposed Action:** Given that North Lanarkshire Council has the greatest proportion of budget and clients it is proposed that the Council assume the lead role in the management of the project, and financial control recouping as appropriate from South Lanarkshire. As with the previous project Finance will be required to process the 1995/96 grant claims.

(c) **Project Name:** **Information Technology Centre** **Project No: C/465/95**  
**Termination Date:** **August, 1998.**

**Description:** The remit of this project is to provide, promote and deliver services aimed at residents and companies in deprived areas which increase awareness and use of information technology, and develops skills within the workforce and business community which will enhance prospects for employment and business competitiveness. The project is delivered through the three local enterprise companies with funding allocated 66% to North Lanarkshire and 33% to South Lanarkshire.

**Proposed Action:** Given that North Lanarkshire Council has the greatest proportion of budget and clients it is proposed that the Council assume the lead role in the management of the project, and financial control recouping as appropriate from South Lanarkshire. As with the previous project Finance will be required to process the 1995/96 grant claims.

(d) **Project Name:** **Lanark Division Mobile** **Project No: D/605/91**  
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**Termination Date:** **October, 1996.**

**Description:** The project has a remit to encourage community development activity by providing high quality, mobile child care for voluntary/community groups and to parents undertaking education/training.

**Proposed Action:** The termination date for the project is October, 1996 and the Council's decision in March, 1996 was not to mainline this project. Accordingly, it is proposed that the project be managed jointly until its termination. South Lanarkshire Council have indicated that they will mainline the project.

(e) **Project Name:** **Hamilton Court Mediation** **Project No: C/470/93**  
**and Reparation Unit**  
**Termination Date:** **December, 1997**

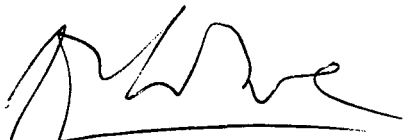
**Description:** The project's remit is to provide, as an alternative to prosecution, a dispute resolution service by means of reparative agreements between victims of minor crime and those accused of committing such crimes. The project's termination date is December 1997 with funding split 60/40 North and South Lanarkshire. The important aspect of the project is the link with the Procurator Fiscal based in Hamilton Sheriff Court. The project was located in Motherwell only because of the difficulty in finding accommodation in Hamilton.

**Proposed Action:**

SACRO have applied to the Scottish Office for additional funding to develop Pilot Diversion Schemes and Mediation and Reparation across North Lanarkshire. If this funding was awarded closer liaison would be required with the Fiscal at Airdrie thereby shifting the balance of the workload toward North Lanarkshire, with the additional funding extending beyond the existing Urban Programme termination date. Accordingly, it is proposed that North Lanarkshire Council assume the lead role in the management of this project and process all claims as appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee approve the management arrangements for these projects as outlined in the report.



Chief Executive