

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development Sub Committee)	Subject: North Lanarkshire Citizens Advice Bureaux Committee - Funding	
From: Chief Executive		
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1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Citizens Advice Bureaux Service operate from five offices in North Lanarkshire; Airdrie; Coatbridge; Bellshill; Cumbernauld and Motherwell and provide outreach services to another twenty seven locations throughout the area.
- 1.2 The five Bureaux have formed a North Lanarkshire Citizens Advice Bureaux Committee which agreed to submit one application for funding for all Bureaux.
- 1.3 The application was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 5th March, 1996 as part of the budget process and an award of £152,000 was agreed.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 The application submitted by the Bureaux Committee requesting funding was based on figures for 1994/95 supplied by them and did not reflect the actual awards made by Monklands, Motherwell and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Councils in 1995/96.
- 2.2 This error has resulted in a shortfall of funding in 1996/97 of £12,839.

3. **Future Operations**

- 3.1 The Chair and the Secretary of the Bureaux Committee have met with the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and have expressed concern that this shortfall on funding is causing serious operational difficulties for the five Bureaux.
- 3.2 The shortfall is also compounded by the 5% reduction in funding applied to all voluntary organisations for 1996/97.

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approve the request for the shortfall in funding of £12,839.

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