

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

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| | | Subject | Voluntary Urban Programme Projects Terminating 1996/97 Urban Programme/Programme for Partnership |
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| Date: | 19 November 1996 | Ref: | SC/JRC |

1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is, to examine the situation regarding funding of voluntary Urban Programme projects terminating 1996/97 and eligible for extension following the outcome of Programme for Partnership bid.

2.0 Outcome of Programme for Partnership bid

2.1 The Scottish Office announced their decisions regarding Programme for Partnership on Monday 11 November, 1996. The outcome for North Lanarkshire being a Priority Partnership Area - Motherwell North and a Regeneration Programme; together with an option to re-draw the programme boundaries to include the three unsuccessful Priority Partnership Areas - South Coatbridge, Airdrie North and South Wishaw. The implications of this re-drafting are still being considered.

2.2 The finance allocated to both was as follows:-

Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area

£2.49m over 3 years

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| 96/97 | 97/98 | 98/99 |
| £60,000 | £900,000 | £1,530,000 |

Regeneration Programme

£1.5m over 3 years

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| 96/97 | 97/98 | 98/99 |
| £250,000 | £400,000 | £850,000 |

This money is available to fund new projects and extensions to existing projects.

3.0 Extensions to Urban Programme Projects Funded for 4 Years

3.1 Under the current rules for Urban Programme, voluntary-managed Urban Programme Projects completing 4 years of funding are potentially eligible for a further 3 years of funding following a successful evaluation. Due to the alterations in Urban Programme and introduction of Programme for Partnership, projects which were due to terminate during 1996/97 and had been supported for extension were funded till 30 November, 1996. Their future funding would then be determined through the Programme for Partnership process.

3.2 As mentioned earlier, the Programme for Partnership decisions were only made known on 11 November 1996 creating an unreasonable timescale for decisions on extended projects.

- 3.3 There are currently 11 voluntary managed projects whose 4 year funding is due to terminate between 30 November, 1995 and 31 March, 1996. It is essential that the Council has a reasonable timescale within which to determine the future for these projects and to implement the decisions taken.
- 3.4 Appendix one provides details of these projects including their full year revenue budget and the cost to Programme for Partnership funding them till the end of January 1997.
- 3.5 Within the Regeneration Programme eligible areas, there are 9 projects - 3 operating in Airdrie North, 1 in South Coatbridge, 1 in South Wishaw and 4 projects which cover a number of areas. The revenue cost to Programme for Partnership of supporting all these projects till 31 January 1997 would be approximately £99,660.
- 3.6 Within the Priority Partnership Area - Motherwell North there are 2 projects eligible for extension to support them till 31 January 1997 would be £18,616 of PPA 1996/97 Budget.
- 3.7 Whilst both sets of projects could be supported from the 1996/97 Priority Partnership Area budget and Regeneration Budget till 31 March 1997, this level of support could not be continued into 1997/98. If the 9 projects eligible (see appendix one) were to be fully funded in 1997/98, the cost to the Regeneration Budget is only £660,000. The 1997/98 Regeneration Budget is only £400,000 and this will be required to also support new projects and potential extension in 1997/98.
- 4.0 Extensions to Projects funded for 7 years
- 4.1 Under Programme for Partnership voluntary - managed projects are now potentially eligible for 9 years funding in total.
- 4.2 Within the Regeneration Programme Areas, there are 2 projects eligible - 1 in South Coatbridge and 1 which covers several areas. The revenue cost to Programme for Partnership of supporting these projects till 31 January 1997 would be approximately £5,460.
- 4.3 There are no projects terminating after 7 years funding within the Priority Partnership Area which would be eligible for an additional 2 years.
- 5.0 Conclusion.
- 5.1 The Scottish Office have advised, by telephone 19 November 1996, that after consideration of the points raised by the Council they will permit the Programme for Partnership funding to be used to support the projects until the end of January, 1997.
- 6.0 Recommendation
- 6.1 It is recommended that the sub-Committee note the decision of the Scottish Office and authorise the Chief Executives Department to notify the management committees of the projects accordingly.


M Chief Executive

Projects extended until 31 January 1997

Regeneration Programme

| PROJECT | PROJECT NAME | ANNUAL REVENUE £ | COST TILL 31/01/97 £ |
|--------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| C/463/91-5 | Greenend/Sikeside Adult Learning Centre | 48,870 | 8,145 |
| C/461/91/14 | Whinhall Safe Play Action | 48,072 | 8,012 |
| C459/92-30 | North Airdrie/Whinhall Credit Union | 57,610 | 9,601 |
| C/467/91-16 | Glencassels Community Development Project | 18,480 | 3,080 |
| C/466/94-40 | Skillstart Into Business | 161,495 | 26,918 |
| ST/01/92-80 | Wellwise | 189,264 | 31,544 |
| UP/92/006-54 | Mobile Food Co-op | 11,000 | 916 |
| UP/92/004-53 | Artbridge | 68,658 | 11,443 |
| | | | 99,660 |
| C/456/89-04 | Mobile Food Co-op | 9,882 | 1,648 |
| C/458/89-05 | Coatbridge Community Print Workshop | 45,739 | 3,812 |
| | | | 5,460 |

Priority Partnership Area

| PROJECT | PROJECT NAME | ANNUAL REVENUE £ | COST TILL 31/01/97 £ |
|------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| C/464/89-7 | Viewpark Hostel for Young Single Homeless | 111,690 | 18,616 |
| | | | 18,616 |