

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee	Subject: Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative Funding Award
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 24 February 1998	Ref: CE012/004/045

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee of the funding award recently granted to Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative by the Health Promotion Department of Lanarkshire Health Board.

2.0 Background

2.1 At its meeting on 21 January 1998 the Council's Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee, having considered a report by the Chief Executive, agreed to award Caldercruix Food Co-operative a grant of £2,208 to assist the Food Co-operative in relocating to dedicated shop premises, owned by North Lanarkshire Council. In particular the grant was awarded to assist with rates, operating expenses and installation of a security system.

2.2 The funding award was approved subject to the Council's Planning and Development Committee agreeing to lease the shop premises to the Food Co-operative on a charity let agreement and at a nominal rent of £1.00 per week where requested.

3.0 Present Position

3.1 The Health Promotion Department of Lanarkshire Health Board has now confirmed that it will undertake a health education and development programme within Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative premises during 1998/99. The Health Promotion Department is reluctant to invest the commitment and resources to this programme however, where this is the chance that the Food Co-operative could be requested by North Lanarkshire Council to vacate the shop at a week's notice. Accordingly, the Health Promotion Department has agreed to award the Food Co-operative a grant of £2,000 to enable the Food Co-operative to lease the shop premises on a commercial basis and thus guarantee greater security of tenure.

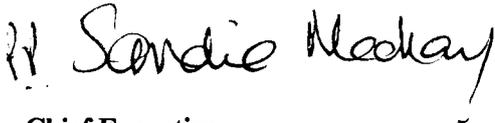
3.2 The Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative convened an Extraordinary General Meeting of members to discuss the proposals to re-locate to shop premises and this proposal was approved by the membership.

3.3 It is understood that the Food Co-operative Management Committee are now discussing leasing the premises from the Council on a commercial agreement and anticipate opening for business within the shop at the beginning of April.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub Committee

- a) note the funding award of £2,000 from Lanarkshire Health Promotion Department to Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative;
- b) note the Food Co-operative's decision to lease the shop premises on a commercial basis; and
- c) note the contents of the report.



Chief Executive