

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources Community Development Sub Committee	Subject: Annual Grants - Terminating Urban Programme Projects
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 26 March 1998	Ref: CE/012/022

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Members will recall that at the Policy and Resources Committee on Tuesday 17 March, 1998 it was agreed that an evaluation panel be established to evaluate projects terminating Urban Programme funding in 1997/98 and 1998/99.
- 1.2 At its first meeting on 13 March, 1998 the Evaluation Panel agreed to visit seven of the projects which terminated Urban Programme funding during 1997/98 and arrange to visit the projects terminating funding during 1998/99 during April, 1998.

2.0 Process

- 2.1 All voluntary management committees were invited to submit an application to the Annual Grant Fund.
- 2.2 Visits were arranged and management committees were asked to make a presentation outlining the following:
 - The aims and objectives of the project
 - Any new developments planned for the next year
 - Evidence of collaborative working with other organisations and agencies
 - Possible area of income generation.
- 2.3 Information and comments were sought from Councillors in whose wards the projects are based and Council departments with responsibility for the supervision of the projects.

3.0 Outcome

- 3.1 Ten applications to the Annual Grants budget were received. Four projects decided not to submit an application namely:
 - Wisestart
 - North Airdrie Community Project
 - Whinhall Safe Play
 - Viewpark & Orbiston Light Relief Holiday Scheme
- 3.2 On this basis it is recommended that the above projects be informed as a matter of urgency that their funding will cease as of 31 March, 1998 and appropriate action will be taken by the Supervising Department.

3.3 Seven projects were visited by the Evaluation Panel giving Management Committees an opportunity to discuss their project with the Councillors and present their case for continued funding. Detailed in Appendix One are the recommendations for projects considered by the Evaluation Panel together with any appropriate conditions.

3.4 The remaining three projects listed below were not visited by the Evaluation Panel as they had previously been considered by the Regeneration Programme Management Group. It is recommended that these projects are supported by the Annual Grant Fund and should the Regeneration Programme funding be confirmed after 31 March then any costs incurred by the projects will be recharged to the Regeneration Programme budget.

- Kirkwood Caravan Project
- Langloan/Dundyvan Caravan Project for Elderly & Disabled
- Plains Countryside Park

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 During consideration of all applications a number of issues have arisen which require further consideration by the Evaluation Panel.

- Designated areas of operation of former Urban Programme Projects;
- Payment procedures for Voluntary Management Committees and Monitoring and Evaluation Process for successful applicants.
- Staffing and other resource issues

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:-

- 1) approve the recommendations as outlined in Appendix One of the report
- 2) agree to notify the projects listed in 3.1 that funding ceases as of 31 March, 1998
- 3) otherwise note the content of the report.


Chief Executive

APPENDIX ONE

Name of Project & Summary	Amount Requested	Evaluation Panel Recommendation	Annual Grant
<p>Caldercruix Youth & Community Project</p> <p>Provision of services and accommodation for a variety of community groups / organisations.</p>	£43,140	Support - subject to Voluntary Management Committee taking full responsibility for running of project.	£36,500
<p>Craigneuk Adult Child Learning Unit</p> <p>The project provides training and adult education opportunities for adults and all child care provision to support these activities. The project has the capacity to provide 20 pre 5 day care places and it provides a toy library.</p>	£90,000	Support - subject to Education Department reviewing current staffing contractual arrangements with a view to the Management Committee assuming full responsibility for project.	£90,000
<p>Glencassels Community Development Project</p> <p>The project provides a community facility used by a variety of community groups / organisations as well as information and advice and adult education opportunities.</p>	£23,775	Support - subject to provision of £10,000 Category C Education Grant	£13,775
<p>Greenspace Action</p> <p>The project provides opportunities for young people to be involved in Environmental issues and work.</p>	£73,600	Not Support - project to be funded for one month with costs of £4,000	to be confirmed
<p>Mobile Play in Action</p> <p>The project provides mobile crèche facilities and voluntary groups in support of attendance at meetings, training etc.</p>	£26,275	Support - it is anticipated that the Education Department through their grants budget will provide £1,000.	£25,275
<p>Rochsoles Community Resource Project</p> <p>This project provides a money advice service to local residents and provides a community facility used by a variety of groups.</p>	£34,475	Support - further discussion required concerning the use of Dykehead Sports Pavilion and confirmation of the arrangement with Department of Housing concerning the use of the premises.	£34,475

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<p>Sikeside & Greenend Education Centre</p> <p>The project provides an information and advice service and opportunities to improve residents educational attainment, and access to jobs. The project promotes a life long learning culture.</p>	£24,950	Support - subject to confirmation of £21,500 Category C Grant from Education Department	£24,950
<p>Kirkwood Caravan Holiday Scheme</p> <p>The project provides low cost holidays to elderly and low income families who are currently on benefit. The caravans are based at Seton Sands Caravan Park, East Lothian.</p> <p>The project have introduced £20 charge per holiday and a commitment to fund raise £1,000 per annum.</p>	£8,460	Support - project will transfer to Regeneration Programme once confirmation recieved regarding capital/revenue split of 1998/99 budget	£8,460
<p>Langloan / Dundyvan Caravan Project - for the Elderly / Disabled</p> <p>The project provides low cost holidays for elderly residents on low income including transport. The caravan is based at Sandylands Holiday Park, Saltcoats - 25 holidays were provided last year. The Management Committee have made a commitment to generate income.</p>	£3,204	Support - project will transfer to Regeneration Programme once confirmation recieved regarding capital/revenue split of 1998/99 budget	£3,204
<p>Plains Countryside Park</p> <p>The project manages and maintains an administration base for the Plains Countryside Park. This application provides the catalyst for the development of the park as a major tourist attraction and employment and training opportunities for local residents. The project management committee are involved in a number of partnerships which will allow them to maximise the small grants available from the Council.</p>	£16,340	Support - project will transfer to Regeneration Programme once confirmation recieved regarding capital/revenue split of 1998/99 budget	£16,340