

**REPORT**

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: VOLUNTEERS WEEK 1998 - VOLUNTEER AWARDS
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 19 May 1998	Ref: CE/012/004/020

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Sub-Committee to approve funding for the 1998 Volunteer Awards Event.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Volunteers Week (1-7 June 1998) is an annual UK wide event to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers.

2.2 In 1997 North Lanarkshire Council hosted an event in the Civic Centre at which the work of around 100 volunteers was recognised through the award of certificates.

2.3 North Lanarkshire Volunteering Development Agency (NLVDA) have asked the Council to support a similar event this year as the Council's major contribution to Volunteers Week.

3.0 EVENT DETAILS

3.1 The purpose of the event is to recognise the work of volunteers nominated by a wide range of organisations and acknowledge publicly the contribution made by volunteers to communities throughout North Lanarkshire.

3.2 The main element of the event is the presentation of certificates by the Convenor of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee. However, this years event is intended to be more informal than previously and it intended that the volunteers stay on after the presentation of certificates to network and socialise.

3.3 The event is scheduled to take place on Monday 1 June at 7.30pm in the Colville Park Social Club, Motherwell. Around 100-150 volunteers are expected to be nominated for the award of a certificate.

3.4 The organisation of the event is being undertaken by NLVDA who are also co-ordinating the arrangements for nominating volunteers for awards. Invitations to nominated volunteers to attend the event are being issued by North Lanarkshire Council.

4.0 FUNDING

4.1 To enable the event to take place on a suitable date during Volunteers Week it has not been possible to provide the Council with an opportunity to commit funding to the event prior to arrangements being finalised.

4.2 The costs of the event include the provision of catering, entertainment, postage and the production of invitations and award certificates. Transport to and from the event will also be made available to those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

4.3 The total cost of the event will depend on the number of volunteers nominated to receive awards and the demand for transport. However, it is certain that the event will cost more than £500. NLVDA have agreed to cover the costs in excess of £500

## 5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- a) approve the award of a grant of £500 to North Lanarkshire Volunteering Development Agency as a contribution to the costs of the 1998 Volunteer Awards Event from the Payments to Agencies and other Bodies Budget within the Chief Executives Department; and
- b) otherwise note the contents of the report.

  
Chief Executive