

REPORT

<p>To: Policy & Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Subject: Programme for Partnership - Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area - Partnership Support.</p>
<p>From: Chief Executive</p>	
<p>Date: 27 May 1997</p>	<p>Ref: CEO12/022/003</p>

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Sub-Committee with an update in relation to the development of a Support Team for the Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area.

2.0 Provision of Support Teams for Priority Partnership Areas

2.1 The Sub-Committee will recall that notification has been received from the Scottish Office that additional resources have been made available to help PPA's establish dedicated support teams. To this end Ministers have agreed that Motherwell North PPA would be offered funding up to £90,000 to help set up, or maintain a dedicated support team. The Scottish Office have indicated that support teams should be a resource for all partners involved in the PPA independent of any single partner. The PPA's should develop their own identities and co-ordinate and progress the implementation of the PPA strategy. There is no doubt that all partners will benefit from this provision. PPA's are being asked to ensure that one or more partners make a contribution amounting to at least 30% of the total cost of the support team.

2.2 The Scottish Office have indicated that block allocations of urban programme funding will not be considered as part of the contribution of partners but rather treated as additional resources as will any European or other source funding secured and that contributions can be 'in kind' support for example an employee secondment.

2.3 This additional funding will be allocated to the PPA from the Partnership Vote which unlike the urban programme monies is governed by a Financial Memorandum between the recipient and The Scottish Office. The Council are currently in discussion with the Scottish Office regarding the implementation and conditions of funding.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 Following discussions, with the Scottish Office they have indicated that Motherwell North PPA will not require to have formalised their support team arrangements by the submission date of 31 May 1998 but will need to indicate that they wish to access this funding in 1998/99, and that the additional 30% funding has been secured. Details of the establishment and development of the support team can be submitted at a later date.

3.2 To date commitments have been received from Lanarkshire Development Agency (£10,000), Scottish Homes, ('in kind' £10,000) and Lanarkshire Health Board are currently considering their support. The Management Group are considering options with regard to the future structure of the Partnership and staffing required to support this structure. It is anticipated that the outcome from these discussions will be reported to August's Sub-Committee meeting.

3.3 In the interim the Sub-Committee are asked to agree that a letter of intent be submitted to the Scottish Office detailing the Partnership's willingness to access this funding.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:-

- a) authorise the Chief Executive to submit a letter of intent to The Scottish Office based on the above report;
- b) request the Chief Executive to bring a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing the partnership structure and staffing requirements;

and

- c) otherwise note the content of this report.



Chief Executive