

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: 'BUILDING THE FUTURE' CONFERENCE
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 20 May 1998	Ref: CE012/004/020

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Sub-Committee to consider providing financial support to the voluntary sector conference 'Building the Future'.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The conference is a joint initiative of Monklands Association for Voluntary Service (MAVS) and North Lanarkshire Volunteering Development Agency (NLVDA). MAVS is an umbrella organisation supporting and representing voluntary and community organisations in Monklands. NLVDA is a volunteer bureau recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers and promoting volunteering throughout North Lanarkshire.

2.2 Other organisations are supporting the conference and have been invited by the organisers to be represented on a conference planning group including North Lanarkshire Voluntary and Community Organisations Network, CAVOC and North Lanarkshire Council.

3.0 CONFERENCE DETAILS

3.1 The conference is taking place on 3 June 1998 in Motherwell Civic Concert Hall. A conference programme is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 Around 150 delegates are expected. To allow the majority of these will be from voluntary and community organisations in North Lanarkshire. To ensure that the conference is accessible to smaller organisations the delegates fee is £10 and free places are available.

3.3 The aims of the conference are to raise awareness and provide information concerning voluntary and community organisations in North Lanarkshire regarding:

- The Scottish context (including the 'Compact' between central government and the voluntary sector in Scotland);
- The North Lanarkshire context (including North Lanarkshire Council's Voluntary Sector Policy and Strategy and the development of Network); and
- Funding, expertise and support services available to voluntary and community organisations locally.

3.4 The major input from the Council to the conference programme is a speech by the Leader of the Council on the Voluntary Sector Policy.

4.0 FUNDING REQUEST

- 4.1 The organisers have requested a funding contribution of £500 from the Council to support the event.
- 4.2 The conference will provide the Council with an opportunity to explain, promote and progress the voluntary sector policy and strategy and will also enable a wide range of local organisations to access other strategic and practical information to develop their activities.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:
- a) approve the award of a grant of £500 to Monklands Association for Voluntary Service to support the 'Building the Future' conference from the Payments to Agencies and other Bodies Budget held by the Chief Executive's Department; and
 - b) otherwise note the contents of the report.



Chief Executive

**“BUILDING THE FUTURE”
NORTH LANARKSHIRE VOLUNTARY SECTOR CONFERENCE**

- 09.30am Registration and Coffee
- 10.00am Welcome and Opening Address
Councillor Vincent Murray
NLVDA/CoSLA Voluntary Sector Task Force
- 10.10am Opening Speech
Anne McGuire MP
Teleconferencing from Westminster
- 10.25am Scottish Voluntary Sector Compact
Elizabeth Carmichael
Scottish Office - Voluntary Issues Unit
- 10.40am North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Strategy
Councillor Harry McGuigan
Leader North Lanarkshire Council
- 10.55am Questions to Speakers
- 11.00am **Coffee**
- 11.15am How to Make Your Application Successful
Alex Nairn
Lloyds TSB Foundation
- 11.30am Questions to Speaker
- 11.40am Information Sessions
- 12.30am **Lunch**
- 1.30pm North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Strategy
Dominic Dale
Network
- 1.45pm Building Links Between The Business Sector and Voluntary Sector
Frank Pignatelli
Scottish Business in the Community
- 2.00pm Employer Supported Volunteering
Gordon Kain
Royal Mail
- 2.15pm Questions to Speakers
- 2.25pm **Coffee**
- 2.40pm How to Win the Lottery
Oscar Mendoza
NLCB
- 3.00pm Questions to Speaker
- 3.15pm Plenary Session
- 3.30pm Close