

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee	Subject: Corporate Programme Development Fund - Match Funding
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 5 October 1998	Ref: CE/012/026/002

**1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a project application submitted by North Lanarkshire 'Network' for European Social Fund Match Funding.

**2.0 Background**

2.2 The Corporate Programme Development Fund, which is held within the Chief Executives department, is designed to encourage and support the development of European partnership projects which follow the guidelines which have been set in the context of the Corporate Plan.

**3.0 Eligibility Criteria**

3.1 The application received, fulfils the eligibility criteria as agreed at Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee, October 1998.

3.2 The Network application addresses the issue of Capacity Building at Community Level - this will include assisting locally based organisations to develop their own ability to develop projects for target groups, improve organisational structures and encourage individuals to upgrade or acquire new skills

**4.0 Application - North Lanarkshire Network**

4.1 The project application is being submitted to the Scottish Office for consideration under ESF Objective 3, Priority 4 measure - Enhancing Capacity for Community Development.

4.2 The applications need to be submitted by 19th October 1998 and it is envisaged that the applicants will receive notification of approval by mid December, with a project start date of January, 1999.

4.3 The aim of the project is to build the capacity and performance of Network who are the only intermediary/support organisation aiming to represent the common interests of the voluntary sector in the area and to support and develop the voluntary sector as a whole in North Lanarkshire. This will consist of programme of training and facilitated strategic planning involving the management committee and other key players. A Communication Strategy will be developed which will build an effective system of communication within the voluntary sector in North Lanarkshire and between strategic organisations in the voluntary, public and private sector. A programme of research and analysis, involving data collection, interviews, workshops groups, seminars which will assist the preparation of a development plan which will enhance the capacity of the voluntary sector.

