

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee		Subject: PLAINS YOUTH INFORMATION PROJECT
From: Chief Executive		
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**1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Sub Committee to alter the management arrangements for Plains Youth Information Project which is funded through the North Lanarkshire Regeneration Programme.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 The Plains Youth Information project which has a voluntary management committee has been in receipt of Urban Programme and Regeneration Programme funding for the past 8 years. The project commenced urban programme funding in January 1991 and is due to terminate Regeneration Programme funding in December 1999. During that time the project has provided valuable youth services to the young people of Plains, and has been successful in attracting additional funding from private and public sources over the years.

2.2 It is the case, like any project of its type, that there are times when the project has performed at a very high level with outstanding numbers of young people actively involved in its management while at other times the level, quality and effectiveness of the activities are not of the calibre that enables the project to fully meet its aims and objectives.

2.3 The supervising department, Community Education Service, has recently expressed concerns about the management of the project. It is felt that input is required to stabilise the project and engage with leaders and young people both within and outside the project.

2.4 The supervising officer has been heavily involved in supporting the project to cope with the various changes which have come about as a result of Regeneration Programme funding being awarded in January 1998. The financial monitoring systems have recently changed for both Priority Partnership Area and Regeneration Programme and the present management team has found some difficulty in complying with the new financial regulations.

**3.0 Proposal**

3.1 Following discussion between the Chief Executive's Department and the Education Department it is proposed that the Education Department:

- a) Assumes responsibility for the strategic and day to day management of the project for a period of not more than 8 months;

- b) During that time all systems within the project will be audited, reviewed and overhauled to ensure compliance with funding requirements;
- c) By the end of the time allocated, a representative committee of members and interested adults with young people in the majority will be formed to run the project; and
- d) A report on progress with recommendations will be brought to a meeting of the Sub Committee in March 1999.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

4.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- (a) approve the proposals as outlined in the above report
- (b) otherwise note the content of this report

  
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