

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee	Subject: Development of a Strategy for Young People - Update	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 6 January 1999	Ref: CE012/003/012	

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Sub Committee on the development of a strategy for young people.

2.0 Background

2.1 At the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee of 21 January 1998 approval was given for the establishment of a Member/Officer Working Group to progress the development of a Strategy for Young People.

2.2 The Member/Officer Group has met on a number of occasions to agree and undertake a programme of consultation with those groups and individuals identified as key players in the development of a Strategy for Young People.

2.3 The Officers involved in the Working Group have been working towards identifying the most appropriate methods of consultation and a report, with options, was presented to this Sub Committee at its meeting of 26 August 1998 and the following consultative mechanisms were agreed.

2.3.1 A one day 'Open Space Event' for Youth Work Practitioners on the 19 November 1998

2.3.2 A two and a half day 'Future Search' Conference from 21 - 23 January 1999

2.3.3 A Conference for Young People in March of 1999 (date to be confirmed)

3.0 Update

3.1 The Open Space Event took place on Thursday 19 November 1998 at Motherwell Concert Hall between 9.30 and 5.00pm. The objective of this event was to bring youth work practitioners from key Council Departments and from external partner agencies together to highlight and prioritise the key issues affecting young people in North Lanarkshire.

3.2 As a result of debate and the priorities identified at this event a further Open Space Event aimed at young people was organised for 10 January 1999 with 60 young people attending the event at the Concert Hall.

3.3 The priorities from both Open Space Events will be fed into a Future Search Conference which is scheduled to take place from Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 January, 1999. At this time it is expected that a number of Councillors, Directors, representatives of key agencies together with around 30 young people will attend the event to discuss key issues and future actions.

3.4 Following the Future Search Conference all of the information and issues will be used to write the draft Councils Strategy for Young People.

3.5 A Conference for Young People is being organised at the beginning of March to discuss the draft strategy. From this Conference the draft Strategy will be presented to the Sub-Committee for consideration in May.

4.0 Costings

4.1 The Council has previously identified funding for aspects of the development of the Strategy for Young People. However, additional funding is required to fund the Conference scheduled for March 1999.

4.2 Funding will cost in the region of £3,000 for this event, at which it is anticipated that around 100 young people will be invited to attend.

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- i) authorise the expenditure as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of this report;
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.


Chief Executive