

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: Programme for Partnership Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area - Update	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 12 January 1999	Ref: CE012/022/003	

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the funding recommendations identified by the Priority Partnership Area Management Group and to provide an update on activity.

2.0 Health Opportunities

2.1 As detailed previously to the Sub-Committee the PPA Management Group has identified health as a funding priority for 1998/9.

2.2 A report was submitted and approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 8 December 1998 outlining a programme of activity to support the PPA Priority Theme of Health. The Programme provides a raft of health opportunities free to PPA residents between January and March 1999 including stress management, hypnotherapy and family swim tickets.

2.3 The Scottish Office have confirmed that the Minister of Health & Arts - Mr Sam Galbraith will launch the programme on 4 February 1999 in Bellshill. A copy of the Health Opportunities Programme has been attached for your information.

2.4 A number of proposals have been developed and approved on the basis of draft costings. Following further discussion, a clearer indication of the costs involved have now been received. Detailed below is the original approvals together with the revised costings which are recommended for approval:-

Smoking Cessation

Previous Approval:

Duration: Pilot project 1 year
Funding: Initial Cost of £35,000

Revised Funding Proposal:

Duration:	1 year		
Funding:	1998/99	Capital	£8,500
		Revenue	£15,000
	1999/00	Revenue	£26,450

Healthy Communities

Previous Approval:

Duration: Pilot Project - 1 year
Funding: £15,000

Revised Funding Proposal:

Duration:	1 year		
Funding:	1999/00	Revenue	£50,000

3.0 Funding Proposals

- 3.1 A number of applications have been received to be considered for funding from the Small Grants and Development Fund. A summary of each application together with recommendations from the Management Group are contained in Appendix One.
- 3.2 Detailed in Appendix Two is the budget profile for Motherwell North PPA. It can be seen that there remains £44,335 in the capital budget for 1998/99.
- 3.3 A number of proposals have been considered by the Management Group in relation to this expenditure and the recommendations are detailed below:

Violence Against Women

A number of items of furniture and equipment are required to resource this project and the cost of these has been estimated at £20,000.

Recommendation: That £20,000 capital funding be approved to support the Violence Against Women Project.

Partnership Support

With additional staff being recruited to provide support to the Motherwell North PPA, items of furniture and equipment are required to support these staff. The cost for these has been estimated at £15,000.

Recommendation: That £15,000 capital funding be approved to purchase furniture and equipment for Partnership Support Team.

Project Accommodation

Both the Violence Against Women project and the Partnership Support Team require additional accommodation. Discussions have been ongoing with Employment Services relating to premises in Bellshill. Funding will require to be made available prior to March 1999 to allow the feasibility stage to take place. This includes planning application and building warrant.

Recommendation: That £5,000 funding be approved.

4.0 Priority Partnership Area Conversion to Social Inclusion Partnership

- 4.1 Members will recall that the PPA Management Group were required to submit to the Scottish Office, by 13 December 1998, a report supporting the conversion of the Priority Partnership Area to a Social Inclusion Partnership.

The report was submitted to the Scottish Office by the due date and a copy of the report is attached in Appendix Three for information.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- (a) approve the funding proposals as outlined in the report;
- (b) approve the Small Grant and Development Fund recommendations as detailed in Appendix One;
- (b) otherwise note the content of this report.


Mr. Chief Executive

Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area
Recommendations for Small Grants Initiative

Applicant	Project Title	Summary of Activities	Amount £	Decision
St Bernadette's Men & Women's Social Club	St Bernadette's Men & Womens Social Club	To purchase equipment to resource this group's activities within North Motherwell	£1,063	Approved £500
Orbiston Centre Members Committee	WOT (What's Out There)	To encourage independence in ordinary life for people with learning disabilities enabling them to make informed choices on decisions which affect their lives. Production of a video which would reflect the different opportunities available in the Orbiston Centre and the local community.	£1881	Approved £1881
North Lanarkshire Federation of Food Co-ops	Food Co-op Training Pack	Propose to develop a training pack in partnership with the following organisations; Scottish Community Diet Project Lanarkshire Health Board (Health Promotions Summerlee Training Resource Unit PPA Funders	£4,900	Approved £2000 for research costs to allow the demand for a pack to be assessed.
The Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre	The Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre (North)	Capital costs of establishment of centre	£5,000 - Capital	See Development Grant
Viewpark Family Centre Association	Viewpark Family Centre	To employ Stepping Stones in Scotland to work with Management Group to put together a Development Plan for Family Centre.	£1,850	Approved £1850
North Motherwell Community Partnership Forum	Training / Development - Sessions	To provide training and educational opportunities to members of the North Motherwell Community Partnership Forum. The training programme would run over four days, with one full-day training session per week over a four week period.	£2,460	Approved £1500

Applicant	Project Title	Summary of Activities	Amount £	Decision
Fallside Action Group	Technical Support & Business Plan for Proposed Fallside Community Hall	To provide technical Architectural expertise to support F.A.G. to make physical alterations to the premises at McCulloch Avenue, thus making it make accessible to those people with a disability.	£2,200	Approved £2200 to cover professional fees. Subject to funding being available in 1999/2000
Motherwell & District Womens Aid	Conference: Domestic Violence is a Health Issue	To fund a on day conference and relevant groups together to discuss the issues and the way forward	£2,590	Approved £2590
			1998/1999	
		Annual Budget	30,000	
		Spent to date	18,610	
		Balance	11,390	
		Recommendations above	10,320	
		Balance	1,069	

Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area
Recommendations for Development Fund

Applicant	Project Title	Summary of Activities	Amount £	Decision
Utheo Ltd	Breakfast Club	To provide a breakfast club for up to 24 children 5 days per week during school term. The project will combine an out of school care and catering service within the Centre. The project will have a health promotion and dental hygiene aspect.	£12,645	Approved 1998/99 £2,108 1999/2000 £10,537
Motherwell & District Womens Aid	Family Resource Worker	To provide a Family Resource Worker to work with women and children from PPA areas who are in a domestic violence situation.	£11,835	Continued till outcome of Section 10 application known
The Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre	The Princess Royal Trust Carers Centre (North	To provide administration , property costs and employee costs for Centre in Bellshill. - See other application.	£19,970	Approved £8000 contribution towards project
Partners in Play	The Partners in Play Project	To increase and support the development of services for families with disabled children, including the development of playscheme initiatives.	£15,000	Approved £15,000 subject to funding being available in 1999/2000
Toss Theatre	Toss Ecowarriors	The project aims to expend the environmental work of Toss by employing an Environmental Development Worker and contribution towards administration and property costs. . It is proposed to give access to our building to a new group 20 - 25 young people from the age of 8, whose primary interests are not drama and music.	£13,544	Approved 1998/99 £7,000 1999/2000 £6,544
North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department	Airth Court - Homelessness and Health Project	To help provide a project base within Airth Court, Supported Accommodation Unit to be used for individual and group work sessions associated with Healthy Living Project which will be introduced in Jan/Feb 1999.	£6,200	Approved £6,200 Equipment only

Applicant	Project Title	Summary of Activities	Amount £	Decision
Fallside Action Group	Fallside Community Hall	See previous application. To provide the funds to upgrade room in building to meet the needs of children's safety. To alter door entry and fire exit to meet needs of disabled inform people. Remove walled area at the fire exit. To bring building to acceptable condition by painting it. Improve reception area into line with door entry system.	£15,000	Approved £15,000 subject to the development of an operational plan showing sustainability of centre and finalisation of lease.
Lanarkshire Careers Service	'One to One'	To provide a project worker to fulfil the role of mentor to disengaged young people aged 16-19 years living in Motherwell PPA with little or no work experience or formal qualifications.	£13,458	Refused
North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department	Road Safety & Improvement Project - Viewpark	To improve the environment and safety of the residents within the PPA of the Viewpark area, Kew Gardens.	£15,000	Refused
North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department	Road Safety & Improvement Project - The Loaning	To improve the environment and safety of the residents within the PPA of the area 106 - 188 The Loaning, Motherwell	£15,000	Approved £15,000 subject to conditions
North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department	Road Safety & Improvement Project - Liberty Road	To improve the environment and safety of the residents within the Jewel Scheme area of the Liberty Road etc. by providing enhanced car parking facilities.	£15,000	Refused
			1998/99	1999/2000
		Annual Budget	100,000	100,000
		Spent to date	61,551	35,500
		Balance	38,449	64,500
		Recommendations above	38,308	47,081
		Balance	141	17,419

MOTHERWELL NORTH PRIORITY PARTNERSHIP AREA					FINANCIAL INFORMATION - FUNDING OF PROJECTS				Appendix Two	
Name of Project	Ref No	Start Date	End Date	Supervising Department	Decisions Capital	1998/99 Revenue	Decisions Capital	1999/00 Revenue		
Focus Youth Project (Viewpark)	PPA/01/97/98	Aug-93	Mar-00	Education - Vol		160,800		160,800		
Get A Life	PPA/03/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-00	Education- Dept	25,181	99,888		99,888		
Motherwell North Community Project - PPA - Phase 1	PPA/04/97/98	Jan-98	Dec-98	Social Work - Dept	1,772	179,291				
Motherwell North Community Project -PPA - Phase 2		Jan-99	Dec-99	Social Work Dept		40,000		120,000		
Motherwell North Mobile Food Co-op	PPA/05/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-00	Social Work - Vol		24,207		24,207		
Motherwell PPA - Intermediate Labour Market	PPA/06/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-99	Economic Dev - Vol		170,044				
North Lanarkshire PPA Support & Development Team	PPA/07/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-00	Chief Exec - Dept		75,548		75,548		
Orbit	PPA/09/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-00	Education - Dept	20,212	116,848		116,848		
Partnership Employment Project	PPA/10/97/98	Jan-98	Mar-00	Social Work - Dept		72,319		72,319		
Viewpark Hostel for Young Single Homeless	PPA/02/97/98	Nov-92	Mar-00	Social Work - Vol		95,932		95,932		
Establishment of Monitoring & Evaluation System						19,000		0		
Intermediate Grants Fund						100,000		100,000		
Small Grants Fund						30,000		30,000		
Smoking Cessation	PPA/13/98/99	Dec-98	Nov-99	LHB	8,500	15,000		26,450		
Health Communities	PPA/14/98/99	Dec-98	Nov-99	LHB		0		50,000		
Domestic Violence - still to be confirmed?		Feb-99	Jan-02	LHB				182,126		
Health Opportunities		Jan-99	Mar-99			106,000				
PPA Management Costs						38,250		38,250		
<i>Inflationary Increase 2%</i>						27,411		24,330		
TOTAL SPEND					55,665	1,370,538	0	1,216,698		
TOTAL BUDGET					100,000	1,430,000	150,000	1,380,000		
PROPOSED SPEND					55,665	1,370,538	0	1,216,698		
BALANCE					44,335	59,462	150,000	163,302		

Appendix Three

Motherwell North Partnership

Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area - from PPA to SIP

Report to the Scottish Office (December 1998)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Motherwell North Partnership welcomes the opportunity to apply for conversion from Priority Partnership Area (PPA) to Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) status. As the report below details, the approach of the Partnership to date has been consistent with much of the new social inclusion agenda. We recognise, however, the opportunities provided by converting to a SIP to take this approach further - focusing more on the need to promote sustainable regeneration, further integrating our collective efforts, and consequently bringing more of the most vulnerable citizens into the social and economic mainstream.
- 1.2 The potential of conversion to SIP status also coincides with an exciting new phase within the Partnership. A range of developmental activity over the past year in establishing processes, developing robust monitoring and evaluation systems and refining management arrangements, will culminate in the establishment of a Dedicated Support Team in January, 1999. The team will add significant new capacity to our regeneration effort, and will benefit at the outset from the renewed focus and impetus released by SIP designation.

2.0 Background and Management

- 2.1 Motherwell North was designated as a PPA in November 1996. It comprises the communities of Forgewood, Orbiston, North Motherwell and Viewpark, and has a total population of 22,320. £2.49 million in new resources were made available to the Partnership over the three years 1996/97 to 1998/99.

- 2.2 The main aim of the Partnership is to develop a long-term strategy that tackles deprivation and disadvantage, in consultation with local communities, and private, public and community organisations operating in the area.

- 2.3 In support of the vision, the Partnership has identified the following themes: health; developing community capacity; social well being; housing and the environment; poverty; education and training; employment and economic development; community safety; and children and young people. Programmes and projects are developed in support of these themes.

2.4 Management Arrangements and Strategic Co-ordination

The Partnership operates through a voluntary management Board comprising representatives of – the community (from each of the four areas), North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Development Agency, Lanarkshire Health Board, Scottish Homes and the Voluntary Sector. Following a review of operations in mid 1998, three priority sub groups have been established to take forward - employment, education and training; housing, health and well-being and; community capacity and support. More detail on the role of these groups is outlined in section 3.

The Partnership management group reports to the North Lanarkshire Partnership. This forum, which involve senior representation from all of the major public sector agencies, co-ordinates the overall strategic framework of joint regeneration activity. It enables the Motherwell North Partnership's activities to be considered at a strategic level alongside a wide range of other plans. Key amongst these are - North Lanarkshire Council's Corporate Plan; "Changing Gear" - a strategy for the Lanarkshire economy; Lanarkshire Health Improvement Programme; Scottish Home's Regional Plan, North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan; Lanarkshire New Deal Delivery Plans; the Children's Service Plan; and the North Lanarkshire Community Safety Strategy.

3.0 General Progress

- 3.1 From the outset, the Partnership has been keen to maximise the use of its own resources by ensuring that they genuinely add to the mainstream activities of the partner agencies. To achieve this, the Partnership has developed a comprehensive application process (detailed in full as appendix 1 of the 1997/98 annual report). In phase one of this process, all applications are screened to ensure that they do not overlap or duplicate activity more properly supported by mainstream budgets.
- 3.2 Within this context the Partnership has supported a range of new project activity in line with the priority themes, and the monitoring and evaluation targets. In addition to the comprehensive criteria established to assess the projects, the Partnership has also been aware, in the initial phase of activity, of the need to quickly establish visible and high profile projects to engage and the local communities and raise morale.
- 3.3 The projects supported to date are listed in appendix 1. They represent an exciting range of activities, which have many objectives consistent with the key SIP principles of co-ordination, prevention and innovation. A summary of specific linkages is returned to in section 4.
- 3.4 In addition to the significant level of new project activity on the ground, the Partnership has also been active in a range of developmental work to extend its own capacity to deliver a high quality regeneration service. This has now put in place the essential building blocks for future progress which are central to addressing a number of the Scottish Office requirements to enable SIP designation. Key developments include:

(i) The development of a monitoring and evaluation framework

Working with a group of external consultants, and with the assistance of the Scottish Office report "Programme for Partnership - Guidance on Monitoring and Evaluation", the Partnership has established a comprehensive monitoring framework across all activities. This is now an invaluable management tool to measure future impact. Commissioned in mid 1998, it has had the benefit of being informed by the Government's emerging social inclusion agenda. Consequently, we are confident it is applicable to the new SIP context.

(ii) The establishment of a dedicated Support Team

Following the allocation of new Scottish Office support of £90,000, the Partnership has developed a package for the establishment of a Dedicated Support Team. This will be fully operational by January 1999. Additional Partner agency support has created a total funding package to support the Team of £221,000. 6.5 posts will be established in a multi-disciplinary team. Four of the posts will be filled on a secondment basis, one each from the Council, the LDA, Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes. This will ensure the availability of appropriate skills and further ingrain the principles of partnership working.

(iii) A Lifestyles Survey

The Partnership has recently commissioned a "Lifestyles Survey" to provide further baseline information across a range of key issues. This will supplement existing data available to the Partnership, by adding resident perceptions of life within the targeted communities. Results of the survey will be available in early 1999. This is the first in a series of new initiatives by the Partnership designed to gain a better understanding of the views of the local communities. Once the new team is in place, further work will be initiated utilising a range of new techniques such as Panel Surveys and Citizen's Juries.

(iv) The development of "topic specific strategy groups"

A Partnership review of future progress in mid 1998 established three sub groups to consider: (1) employment, education and training, (2) housing, health and well being and, (3) community capacity and support. The main purpose of these groups is to

develop detailed implementation strategies, ensure linkages with other activity, stimulate further inter agency networking, and oversee the implementation of new projects. A separate funding sub group has also been established to consider new applications for urban programme support.

(v) Learning and Working Strategy Development

The Partnership, via the LDA, has commissioned the University of Glasgow to undertake a comprehensive study to audit the potential demand and current delivery of training and educational opportunities in the PPA communities. This will produce a series of recommendations for the Partnership to consider on improving service provision and access. The final report is anticipated in February 1999.

4.0 Promoting Inclusion and Preventing Exclusion

4.1 The key principles underpinning the Government's approach to promoting social inclusion of co-ordination, prevention and innovation are already addressed through a range of the projects sponsored by the Partnership. They are also prevalent in a range of wider mainstream partner activity. The Partnership recognises, however, that more can and will be done to advance these principles. A number of the factors which have limited their full application to date, and the activities planned to overcome these, are outlined in section 7.

Significant examples of progress to date are:

• **Co-ordination**

The overall approach to the Partnership is a commitment to a co-ordinated approach. In terms of the specific projects directly supported to date, co-ordination is particularly evident in the following:

- Viewpark Hostel for the single homeless - where the housing and health needs of some of the most disadvantaged young people are addressed from a single location
- Motherwell North Community Project - which enables the community to develop further bids for PPA support, and ensures they are linked to wider ongoing activity
- Motherwell North Healthy Communities Project - which is a community based project that seeks to identify and co-ordinate the many related factors which effect health inequalities in the PPA communities.
- The Focus Youth Project - which provides a focal point to enable young people to meet safely, gain information, and further their social and educational aspirations.

• **Prevention**

The Partnership fully endorses the critical importance of the principle of prevention in sustainably regenerating Motherwell North. Much of the relevant activity links to early intervention with children and young people. The Partnership also places considerable emphasis on equipping local people - of any age - with the attributes and skills required to enter and sustain employment. Current project activity includes:

- The "Get a Life" Project - which addresses the personal, social and motivational needs of unemployed 16-18 year olds requiring specific support
- The TOPSY project (Training Orientation and Personal Skills for Young People) - which provides key pre vocational and personal development support for 16-25 year olds to enable them to enter the labour market
- The Partnership Employment Project - which provides key work and personal development skills, and work experience to young adults with specific disabilities, mental illness or addiction problems
- The North Motherwell PPA Intermediate Labour Market initiative - which provides employment with training to equip long term unemployed adults to re-enter the labour market
- The ORBIT project - which enables long term unemployed adults to increase their skills through the use of Information Technology

- The Violence against Women Project - which concentrates on a different type of prevention, but nevertheless addresses a critical issue which affects the quality of life for a number of women and families in the PPA.

A number of existing urban programme projects in the PPA also concentrate significantly on the prevention theme, including the St Columba's Home School Project, Forgewood Home School Community Project, Bellshill Educational Guidance and Information Network, Forgewood After School Care Project, Bellshill Out Of School service, the Young Persons Drugs and Alcohol Project, and the Northforge Credit Union.

All of these projects end their current period of urban programme support in 1999/2000. Future Partnership funding will be considered through the same comprehensive assessment process established for new project proposals.

- **Innovation**

Many of the above projects demonstrate significant innovative elements through the introduction of new ways of engaging and assisting local people, and through the practical linkage of related strategy objectives. Other projects, which specifically demonstrate a high level of innovation, include:

- The Motherwell North Community Development Training Project - which further develops the theme of community development by linking training in this discipline to creating full time employment opportunities for long term unemployed people
- The Motherwell North Food Co-op - which provides a mobile alternative to shops and enables elderly, disabled and housebound people access to good quality and reasonably priced foodstuffs
- The Stop Smoking with Laser Therapy project - which targets young people and people with a known cardiovascular problem, and gives them access to a new and highly successful treatment for stopping smoking
- The Small Grants Initiative and the Development Fund - which specifically make developmental funding available to encourage new developments and pilot innovative approaches and additions to existing activity. 12 projects have been supported through these two grant sources. Examples of innovation include : the provision of Internet access within an existing youth centre, a toothbrush exchange to promote oral health, and a certificated training programme for unemployed residents in food co-op skills.

5.0 Focusing on Children and Young People

5.1 The Partnership has placed a very high emphasis on early intervention to assist young people. This is reflected in the project funding assessment process that gives a higher priority in determining funding to projects which "demonstrate a level of participation and an outcome for young people".

5.2 In moving forward our commitment to young people, the Partnership fully recognises the significance of developing linkages to a number of other new opportunities emerging in the wider policy context. For example:

- consideration is currently being given to targeting new local resources made available as part of the new National Childcare Strategy to the PPA
- opportunities to access further new childcare monies, including the New Opportunities Fund, will be closely monitored.
- The New Deal for 18-24 year olds is already providing new training and employment opportunities, and we are keen to access further complimentary project support which may be available through the New Futures Fund. (The report awaited by the Partnership on the "Learning and Working" strategy will assist further development of these issues).

6.0 Community Development

- 6.1 A commitment to community development is an underpinning element of the Partnership. In addition to being an identified priority theme, all projects supported by the Partnership require to have a community capacity building dimension. A higher priority is given in the assessment process to projects operated by community led organisations.
- 6.2 The areas included within the PPA started from a relatively low level of community participation. The Partnership acknowledges that while progress has been made, more needs to be done to advance this priority. Consequently, one of the sub groups recently established focuses on "Community Participation", and one of the new support team's Development Officers will be dedicated to this priority. This sub group has created four local groups for each of the PPAs communities. It is anticipated that these sub groups will assist in the organisation of a full community conference in early 1999.
- 6.3 The Partnership has placed particular emphasis on identifying the monitoring framework for the Community Capacity Building theme. This has resulted in a series of programme level indicators that will provide a solid basis to move forward further work.

7.0 Key Areas for Further development and Proposed Action

- 7.1 The Motherwell North Partnership is proud of the significant progress made to date, and the impact already made on the lives of many disadvantaged citizens. Nevertheless, we are committed to a process of continual review to improve both our structures and impact. A number of areas of current weakness have become apparent, many of which are similar to those detailed in paragraph 14 of the current urban programme discussion paper. A range of activities is underway to address these.

- **Impact on mainstream programmes**

While the partnership's activities have complemented mainstream activities of partner agencies, there has been limited impact in terms of "bending" these programmes to advance specific partnership objectives. This is not an easy process and can be perceived as challenging/conflicting with well established activities and related decision-making processes - many of which remain functionally as opposed to area focused.

The Partnership will address further progress in this area by a mixture of improved information gathering, and through strengthening the linkages to other related strategies and plans. In terms of the former, the new team will immediately commence a full audit of all related regeneration activity in the area, including financial commitments, future budget plans and related outputs and targets.

A similar audit will be made of all relevant strategic documents at a North Lanarkshire and Lanarkshire wide level to assess their potential impact on the Motherwell North area. It is anticipated that this process can both assist and be informed by forthcoming development of the North Lanarkshire Community Plan.

Following this audit, an action programme will be established for each related plan, detailing how its objectives and those of the Motherwell North SIP can be combined to maximise mutual benefit. Through this process, it is anticipated that new opportunities for the "bending" of budgets will become more transparent and less threatening to existing structures.

- **Community Involvement**

As indicated, Community involvement in partnership activity started from a low base and requires further development. A range of activities is underway or planned to address this:

- the establishment of a Community Participation sub group with dedicated Officer support
- the development of local forums
- the plans to establish a full Community conference

- the priority given to developing community based projects in the assessment criteria
- the provision of dedicated support and training for community representatives.
- the examination of the potential use of community panels, Citizen's Juries and other new consultative techniques

- **Private sector involvement**

The Partnership is currently discussing involvement of the private sector with the Motherwell Chamber of Commerce. In general, however, it is acknowledged that meaningful involvement of the private sector has proved problematical in a number of local partnerships. The very low level of current business activity exacerbates this difficulty within the PPA.

The Lanarkshire New Deal Strategic Partnership has recently commissioned new consultancy work to look at this issue. This will seek to clarify - what the other partners want from private sector involvement, what private sector representatives feel they have to offer, and whether we need to look at new ways of engaging the sector beyond simply asking representatives to attend meetings. The report of this study may be of value to area based regeneration activity and the Partnership will action relevant recommendations.

- **Decision making processes and Partnership identity**

The Partnership has struggled to establish its own, clear identity in Motherwell North. In many ways this is understandable given the range of individual agencies and initiatives which were already operational in the area prior to PPA designation.

A further factor has been the requirement in the allocation of project funding to work through the decision-making processes of the Council. While the Partnership has benefited considerably from the experience and expertise made available as a result, this has had the effect of reducing perceptions of the Partnership's autonomy.

The Partnership has already taken a significant step to address the latter issue through the establishment of a dedicated funding sub group in mid 1998. This has created a visible decision making forum more closely identified with the Partnership.

The establishment of the Dedicated Support Team, and the various activities underway or planned to further engage local communities, are anticipated to have a significant impact on the general profile of the Partnership. This will be further enhanced as more project activity comes on-stream. We would also use SIP designation itself as an opportunity to re-launch our efforts, and stress the increasing importance of the Partnership mechanisms.

The Partnership will also be interested in the conclusions of the current urban programme consultation exercise about possible future flexibility in "match funding" support for urban programme projects. This is an important and complex issue, to which a number of the partner agencies will respond individually in due course.

8.0 **Conclusions**

- 8.1 The Partnership hopes that this brief report, allied to the key documents previously submitted and listed in appendix 2, addresses the issues required by the Scottish Office to enable the Motherwell North PPA to become a Social Inclusion Partnership area.
- 8.2 We have sought to provide a candid account both of the progress made to date, and of the various areas where more needs to be done. Importantly for the latter issues, we have detailed activities already in place to address these weaknesses. SIP status would give renewed energy to the Partnership and, as detailed, fit well with a number of new developments we already have planned to reduce social exclusion in the communities of Motherwell North.

Appendix 1 – Projects directly supported by Motherwell PPA funding to December 1998

Project	Category	Summary of Activities	Start Date
Focus Youth Project	Community development/ education/children & young people	To improve the quality of life for young people of the area in the 12 - 25 age group, and to provide a focal point where they can meet, and obtain information, help and advice to further their social and educational needs	Sept 1997
Get a Life	Employment and training/education/ Leisure/children and young people	To address the personal, social, educational and motivational needs of young people ages 18 -18 years who are unemployed and require support	January 1998
Motherwell North Community Needs Project	Community Development	To act as a tool for future PAP bids from the community	January 1998
Motherwell North Community Development Train Project	Employment and training/education	To provide full time employment and training in the field of community development for 12 long term unemployed people per annum	January 1998
O. R. B. I. T.	Education/employment and training	To give long term unemployed people an opportunity to increase their skills through the use of information technology	January 1998
Viewpark Hostel for Single Homeless Young people	Community safety/health/children and young people	To provide accommodation in supported environment to enable vulnerable people to make the transition to full independent living.	January 1998
Motherwell North Food Co-op	Health	To provide a mobile alternative to local shops to allow elderly, disabled, housebound residents access to good quality and reasonably priced foodstuffs	January 1998
Motherwell North PPA intermediate labour market project	Employment and training	To create an ILM programme designed to provide a waged employment and training to an average of 12 long term unemployed people per annum	January 1998
Motherwell North Support and Development Office	Community development/all	To provide support to the PPA Management Group an developing and achieving the objectives of Programme for Partnership	January 1998
Partnership Employment Project	Employment and training/education/children and young people	To provide work skills, social and personal development, and work experience to young adults with specific disabilities, mental illness and addictions	January 1998
TOPSY (Training Orientation and Personal Skills for Young People) project	Employment and training/children and young people	To offer key personal development skills for disadvantaged 16-25 year olds.	November 1998
Motherwell North Healthy Communities Project	Health/community development	To promote health and well being issues through a training programme which develops collaborative working on community health issues	November 1998
Stop Smoking with Laser Therapy Project	Health/children and young people	To provide laser therapy treatment to enable, in particular, young women and people with a history of heart trouble to stop smoking	November 1998

Women against Violence project	Health/community development	To provide direct support to women who have experienced abuse, and to improve women's safety through the development of an effective response from agencies involved with the Civil and Criminal Justice system	November 1998
Small Grants Initiative and the Development Fund	All	Two related "challenge budgets" which promote innovation and enable the piloting of new approaches	October 1998

Appendix 2 – Related Motherwell North PPA reports

North Lanarkshire Partnership – Motherwell North PPA Annual Report 1997/98 (October 1998)

Motherwell North Partnership – Monitoring and Evaluation : A practitioner's Guide (October 1998)

North Lanarkshire Partnership – Priority Partnership Area bid : Motherwell North (June 1996)

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Motherwell North Priority Partnership Area

Ministerial Visit - 4 February 1999

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

10.30am	Burnhead Community Centre - See Stressbusters Centre, Hypnotherapy, Fitness Checks and Operational Staff
10.45 am	Leave Burnhead Centre
10.50 am	Arrive Sir Matt Busby Centre, Bellshill
10.50am - 11.00 am	Coffee & Introductions
11.00am - 11.05 am	Welcome & Introduction - NLC Leader of the Council
11.05am - 11.10 am	Remarks - Lanarkshire Health Board
11.10am - 11.25am	Speech - Sam Galbraith, Minister of Health & Arts
11.25 am - 11.30am	Presentation of First Family Swim Ticket By Minister