

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: Programme for Partnership Regeneration Programme - Update	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 7 January 1999	Ref: CE012/022/003	

**1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Sub-Committee for funding recommendations in respect of Regeneration Programme and provide an update on current activity.

**2.0 Regeneration Programme Conversion to Social Inclusion Partnership**

2.1 Members will recall that the Regeneration Programme Management Group were required to submit a report supporting the conversion of the Regeneration Programme to a Social Inclusion Partnership to the Scottish Office by 6 December 1998.

The report was completed and submitted to the Scottish Office by the due date and the report is attached in Appendix One for your information.

**3.0 Funding Proposals**

3.1 Detailed in Appendix Two is the budget profile for North Lanarkshire Regeneration Programme. It can be seen that there remains £37,462 in the revenue budget for 1998/99.

A number of proposals have been recommended for support from this budget and these are detailed below:

**Summerlee Training Resource Unit - Local Training Support Centre - Development Proposal**

A feasibility study to assess the demand for local training support centres and explore options in relation to funding, linkages with other organisations, performance indicators and evaluation procedures. The study will be completed by 31 March 1999 at a cost of £10,000.

Recommendation: That £10,000 revenue funding be approved to support the above proposal subject to the consideration by the Council of Summerlee Training Resource Unit in general.

**Feasibility Study - Community Needs in Cambusnethan, Wishaw**

In order to promote social inclusion the Regeneration Programme has supported community organisations to undertake activity focused on the development of local services and activities. The Community Council from Cambusnethan has requested £10,000 funding to undertake a feasibility study which will allow them to assess local needs.

Recommendation: That £10,000 revenue funding be approved to support the above proposal.

**4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- (a) approve the funding proposals as outlined in the report ; subject to conditions as outlined
- (b) otherwise note the content of this report.

  
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Chief Executive

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE REGENERATION  
PROGRAMME**

**REPORT SUPPORTING  
CONVERSION TO SOCIAL INCLUSION  
PARTNERSHIP**

**30 November 1998**

## 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline how the existing and proposed activity supported through the North Lanarkshire Regeneration Programme meets the key priorities for conversion to a Social Inclusion Partnership - co-ordination, prevention and inclusion.

1.2 The report outlines the following:

- current activity and its contribution to agreed priorities;
- future developments and activity as currently identified and agreed;
- highlights gaps and outlines the Partnership's plans to tackle these.

The activity identified in these three areas is also set within the context of a Regeneration Programme designation that has only two full operational years remaining.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 The initial award of Regeneration Programme funding was announced in November 1997 with the aim of tackling deprivation in twenty-five areas identified in North Lanarkshire and additionally the three larger unsuccessful PPA areas. These eligible areas are detailed in Appendix One.

2.2 The initial budget profile for Programme for Partnership funding available to resource activity within the Regeneration Programme areas was as detailed below:

Budget - £1.5M over three years

1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
£250,000	£400,000	£850,000

The purpose of this funding was to act as a catalyst to co-ordinate and focus existing mainstream activity and additionally to provide a funding mechanism to at least part support activity targeted at identified gaps in provision.

2.3 The Management Group are responsible for the development and management of Regeneration Programme activity, members are as follows:

- Lanarkshire Health Board 1 representative
- Lanarkshire Development Agency 1 representative
- NETWORK 1 representative  
(community and voluntary sector)
- North Lanarkshire Council 1 representative
- Scottish Homes 1 representative

All of the major partners represented on the Group bring with them a huge range of expertise and information regarding their agencies current and programmed mainstream activity and provide links back into their organisations which influence service development and delivery.

2.4 The Regeneration Area Management Group has firm links to the overarching strategic partnership body for the local authority area, the North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP). Most of the key public sector agencies are actively involved and participate in both.

The North Lanarkshire Partnership provides the strategic context for all of the joint regeneration activity currently undertaken by these agencies. Its main aim is to agree common strategic objectives, approve joint action plans, and provide co-ordination and monitoring of implementation.

The NLP is led by a Board which comprises representation from the Council, Lanarkshire Development Agency, Lanarkshire Health Board, Scottish Homes and Employment Service. Representation is at the highest level, in the form of the Council's Leader and Chief Executive, along with their equivalents from the partner organisations. Its key objectives are

- to act as a forum through which strategic economic, social and environmental issues affecting the area can be addressed in an integrated way
- to co-ordinate partner activity in the pursuance of agreed joint strategic objectives
- to approve joint action plans which identify agreed priorities, and which set out the more detailed implementation arrangements of partnership activity
- to agree targets against which progress can be monitored
- to provide a mechanism for debating issues of Partners' concern
- to provide a North Lanarkshire level strategic link with pan-Lanarkshire organisations and alliances

The NLP is supported by a series of liaison groups which progress specific strategic issues or, as in the case of the Regeneration Area Management Group, comprehensive approaches in agreed spatial priority areas. These activities are therefore set in an overall strategic partnership context within which overall progress can be monitored.

### **3.0 Partnership Work Programme**

3.1 The work programme for the partnership involves activity supported through two distinct but integrated routes - the first of these is activity funded directly through the Regeneration Programme and the second is associated activity within these areas funded by partners and other agencies.

3.2 Early within the life of Regeneration Programme, it was recognised by the Management Group that given the number, size and location of the eligible areas, it was essential to include the maximum number of residents within each area. Additionally the Group were anxious to encourage activity within areas new to Programme for Partnership, thereby maximising the impact of the programme and including the largest range of activities supported. In particular the Management Group wanted the Regeneration Programme to be seen as intrinsically different from previous Urban Programme built on integrated, co-ordinated activity using the best elements of Urban Programme but removing the need for each activity to be unique.

Given the five year designation , it was determined that elements of the Programme be used much more as a community development tool allowing groups to:

- carry out information and feasibility activity
- determine local need
- identify realistic proposals and
- access other funding sources and/or influence existing service development.

3.3 To aid in this process, the Management Group determined that no existing Urban Programme funded projects would automatically be granted access to Regeneration Programme funding but rather all projects new and existing were invited to bid detailing their contributions to the overall programme, highlighting linkages to other activity areas and ensuring co-ordination of service delivery.

3.4 Additionally the prioritised criteria used to assess projects (detailed in Appendix Two), clearly identified Health and Anti-Poverty as the two priority work areas to be supported directly through Regeneration Programme together with community management and partnership funding as two major funding criteria. The two priority work areas - Health and Anti-Poverty - were identify by the partners as areas not currently receiving priority resourcing and therefore funding projects in these areas would lead to the development of an integrated network of mainstream and partnership supported activity covering the widest range of activity areas.

3.5 All of the development activity funded through and supported by the partnership work programme has been focused around the following priorities:

- prevention of social exclusion
- promotion of social inclusion
- encouragement of innovation and integration.

3.6 The activity funded has been targeted in the main on community based activity promoting local resident involvement. For example continued development of a Neighbourhood Centre in the Kirkshaws area of Coatbridge providing a base for local groups and services. In addition mainstream activity provides access to support services involving Social Work and training provision targeted through Economic Development.

#### **4.0 Description of Work Programme Activity Areas**

4.1 Outlined in Appendix Three and Four are descriptions of existing Regeneration Programme projects and current annual grants and urban programme activity. Detailed within the remaining paragraphs of this section are examples of project and programme activity which highlights the range and integration of services within the Regeneration Programme areas. The Partnership work programme has included activity targeted at preventing exclusion.

- A number of schools have been targeted for support through North Lanarkshire Council Education Department using the Early Intervention Programme, providing additional support to pupils at the earliest opportunity. Eight primary schools have been targeted in the Shotts and Harthill area through one aspect of this programme. This involves the provision of additional Nursery Nurses in Primary 1 and 2, additional training and peripatetic support.

- A project entitled 'Alternatives to Exclusion' is also in operation in the Secondary Schools - Caldervale High and Airdrie Academy adjacent to and serving the Regeneration Programme areas of Craigneuk and Airdrie North.
- An 'Outward Bound' project can also be accessed by all the Secondary Schools in North Lanarkshire and is targeted on S4 pupils with low self esteem who would benefit from the confidence building aspects of the course.
- North Lanarkshire Council has also identified as a priority a review of childcare services throughout North Lanarkshire to enable gaps in service to be identified and appropriate support measures to be put in place.
- Groups have been supported to provide a range of information and advice services. For example Craigneuk Development and Support Unit provides individual employment support and advice funded through Regeneration Programme together with access to European Social Funded Training Courses supported by the Lanarkshire Development Agency and the local college;
- Provision of debt service and counselling on an outreach basis by Citizens Advice Bureau is integrated with a core service delivery supported by North Lanarkshire Council assisting with issues surrounding multiple debt and access to benefits advice. In addition the Council is developing an integrated approach to service delivery through the development of one-stop shops.

4.2 In order to promote inclusion the programme has encouraged support of community organisations to undertake activity focused on the development of local services and activities. Funding has been provided to allow organisations to carry out survey work allowing them to assess local need and to determine local priorities. For example Kilsyth South Development Group have undertaken a local household survey funded from Regeneration Programme which identified the formation of a Credit Union and the development of a local play facility as local priorities. Work is now ongoing with the group on both priorities:

- Credit Union development is being supported by North Lanarkshire Council through the Credit Union Development Strategy
- a feasibility study into the provision of a play area is currently being undertaken by the group in conjunction with North Lanarkshire Council - Leisure Services Department prior to a lottery funding bid being submitted.

Projects are encouraged to look at innovative ways of dealing with their local problems.

4.3 The partnerships work supports activity across a range of age groups. However a number of projects and programmes are targeted primarily at young people and early years. Examples are identified overleaf:

- Education**
  - A number of Home School Community Partnership projects are supported by mainstream and Urban Programme funding.
- Childcare**
  - NLC guarantees access to a nursery place for all four year olds.
  - A review of childcare activity is currently being undertaken to assess gaps and provide a framework for future activity.
  - Provision of an After School Care Service targeted on South Coatbridge provides parents with opportunity to access training and employment.
  - Provision of a Mobile Play service to encourage constructive play.
- Health**
  - Young Persons Health Project based on peer education established in Airdrie and linked into mainstream Health Board Provision.
  - A Breastfeeding Initiative which is community run providing support and encouragement to nursing mothers with help and advice being provided by Lanarkshire Health Board.
- Anti-Poverty**
  - Food Co-operative providing inexpensive food.
  - Furniture recycling project providing access to household goods, furniture etc.
  - Womens Aid providing a support and counselling service to abused women and children.
- Information and Advice**
  - A Youth Information Project providing a base and support to youngsters in an isolated location.
  - Active involvement in New Deal and integration of mainstream strategy and project activity.

4.4 The whole focus of the partnership is to provide an integrated approach to service delivery, all applications were assessed by the partners and where the work to be undertaken could be funded by a more appropriate source links were made. For example, training projects supported by Lanarkshire Development Agency and European Social Funding, Credit Union development supported by North Lanarkshire Council Credit Union Development Strategy, Aids and HIV counselling by Lanarkshire Health Board.

4.5 Due to the individuals and agencies involved on the Management Group co-ordination is achieved in a number of ways with partners bringing information to the table on initiatives being pursued or funded from other sources. For example in the field of Economic Development, parts of the Regeneration Programme areas are covered by the European Initiative - Territorial Employment Pact and others by Lanarkshire Development Agency's Property and Employment Support Programme and both of these are designed to maximise co-ordination.

## **5.0 Identified Gaps or Weaknesses**

- 5.1 Given the number of areas covered and the variation in size and the range of activity supported it is essential that the co-ordination of activity within the Regeneration Programme is further developed and supported. The need for a dedicated support and development mechanism has already been identified for PPA's through the provision of additional funding to resource support teams. Given the limited timescale of the remaining programme, it is essential that an exit strategy is developed for the existing programme and that activity funded in the final two years of the programme has a clear focus and timescale.
- 5.2 The Management Group are currently considering funding the post of a Partnership Officer for the final two years of the programme to aid projects in developing an existing strategy, providing focused support and maximising Regeneration Programme resource allocations in a manner which will allow sustainability after the end of the programme. It is anticipated that the resourcing of this post will do much to maximise the benefit of the remainder of the programme ensuring co-ordination of activity, inclusion of as many individuals as possible and prevention of a worsening of the current situation.

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**AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING**

- South Coatbridge
- Airdrie North
- South Wishaw
- Airdrie - Craigneuk, Gartlea
- Bargeddie
- Bellshill - East Parkhead
- Chapelhall
- Cleland
- Coatbridge - Cliftonhill
- Coatbridge - Shawhead
- Cumbernauld - Carbrain
- Kilsyth Howe Road
- Moodiesburn
- Motherwell - Calder Tower
- Motherwell - Holytown
- Motherwell - Jerviston/Carfin/New Stevenston
- Motherwell - Shields Drive
- Muirhead - Mount Ellen
- Newmains
- Plains
- Shotts - Dykehead
- Shotts - Springhill
- Wishaw - Coltness, Cambusnethan
- Wishaw - Greenhead

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**PRIORITISED CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

**Prioritised Criteria**

- Anti-poverty  
Higher priority should be given to projects which tackle the causes and effects of poverty and improve the quality of life of those people living on the lowest incomes
- Management  
Higher priority should be given to community led organisations in line with Scottish Office guidelines
- Partnership  
Projects would score higher if the application shows links with partner agencies, European funding or other sources of funding
- Health  
Higher priority will be given to projects which will improve health conditions and reduce levels of ill health
- Employment and Training  
Higher priority given to projects which would provide a training qualification
- Community Support  
Priority will be given projects which enhance the overall quality of life for residents
- Location  
In recognition of unsuccessful Priority Partnership Area bids. Higher scoring will be given to projects delivering in these areas
- Community Safety  
Priority will be given to projects which will create a safe, healthy and sustainable environment

## APPENDIX THREE

### NORTH LANARKSHIRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME

#### LIST OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS

Name of Project	Start Date	End Date	Priority	Status
• Mobile Food Co-op Phase I	Mar 98	Oct 98	<b>Anti-poverty</b> Health & Education	Voluntary
• Mobile Food Co-op Phase II	Apr 98	Mar 01	<b>Anti-poverty</b> Health & Education	Voluntary
• Real Emergency Action Line Motherwell	Apr 98	Jan 99	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	Voluntary
• Craigneuk Development Support Unit	Apr 98	Mar 00	<b>Information &amp; Advice</b> Community Development	Voluntary
• Chapelside Women's Health Project	Jan 98	Mar 99	<b>Health / Education</b>	Voluntary
• South Coatbridge After School Care Project	Jan 98	Mar 00	<b>Anti-poverty</b> Education	Voluntary
• Get Fit to Quit Smoking	Jan 98	Mar 00	<b>Health / Education</b>	Departmental
• Airdrie Young Persons Health Project	Jan 98	Mar 00	<b>Health / Education</b>	Departmental
• Wishaw Breastfeeding Initiative	Jan 98	Mar 00	<b>Health / Education</b>	Voluntary
• Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre	Jul 98	Mar 01	<b>Community Development</b> Information & Advice	Voluntary
• Monklands Women's Aid	Apr 98	Mar 00	<b>Community Safety</b> Health Information & Advice	Voluntary
• Plains Youth Information	Jan 98	Dec 99	<b>Information &amp; Advice</b> Community Development	Voluntary
• Coatbridge Citizens Advice Bureau - Outreach	Apr 98	Mar 99	<b>Information &amp; Advice</b> Education Volunteering	Voluntary
• Motherwell & Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau - Regeneration Projects	Feb 98	Mar 99	<b>Information &amp; Advice</b> Education Volunteering	Voluntary
• Kilsyth South Development Project	Dec 97	Mar 98	<b>Community Development</b>	Voluntary
• Coatbridge Central Tenants Initiative	Feb 98	Mar 98	<b>Community Development</b>	Voluntary

APPENDIX FOUR

NORTH LANARKSHIRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME

PROJECTS OPERATIONAL IN REGENERATION PROGRAMME AREAS SUPPORTED BY URBAN PROGRAMME OR ANNUAL GRANTS

Project Name	Start Date	Term Date	Annual Budget
Gowkthrapple Home School Community Project	Jan 96	Mar 00	60210
Craigieburn Family Partnership	Jan 96	Dec 99	37,020
Local Training Support Centres	Sep 95	Aug 99	9,726
Monklands Employment Training Opportunities	Oct 95	Sep 99	22,190
Second Chance Craigneuk	May 95	Apr 99	42,244
Mobile Community Safety Outreach	Jun 95	Sep 99	27,183
Information Technology Centre	Dec 95	Nov 99	91,359
Development Officer Training & Employment	Sep 95	Nov 99	41,149

Name Of Project	Start Date	Term Date	Funding 1998/99
Caldercruix Youth & Community Project	Apr 98	Mar 99	36,500
Craigneuk Adult & Child Learning Unit	Apr 98	Mar 99	65,000
Glencassels Community Development Project	Apr 98	Mar 99	13,775
Mobile Play in Action	Apr 98	Mar 99	25,275
Rochsoles Community Resource Centre	Apr 98	Mar 99	34,475
Sikeside Greenend Education Centre	Apr 98	Mar 99	24,950
Mobile Food Co-op Phase 1	Apr 98	Mar 99	7,523
R E A L M	Apr 98	Mar 99	7,242
Monklands U P Training Resource Unit	Apr 98	Mar 99	10,697
New Stevenston Community Centre	Apr 98	Mar 99	31,700
Wishaw Resource Centre for Elderly	Apr 98	Mar 99	22,968

Regeneration Programme									Appendix Two		
Name of Project	Start Date	Termination Date	Supervising Department	Ref No	Decisions	1998/99	Decisions	1999/00	Decisions	2000/01	
					Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	
Airdrie Young Persons Health Project	Jan 98	Mar 00	Comm. Educ	RG/01/97/98	1,000	81,600		82,020		76,116	
Chapelside Women's Health Project	Jan 98	Mar 99	Comm. Educ	RG/02/97/98		10,454		20,702		20,702	
Coatbridge Citizens Advice Bureau Comm Reg. Proj	Apr 98 - Mar 99	April 91	Mar 99	Chief Exec	RG/03/97/98	65,659		70,372			
Craigneuk Development & Support Unit	Apr 98 - Mar 00	Apr 91	Mar 00	Social Work	RG/04/97/98	102,517		102,517			
Get Fit to Quit Smoking Programme	Jan 98	Mar 00	Leisure	RG/05/97/98		2,074		2,074		2,100	
Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre	July 98 - Mar 01	July 94	Mar 01	Social Work	RG/07/97/98	59,630		82,241		82,241	
Mobile Food Co-Op Phase 1	Mar 98 - Oct 98	Nov 89	Oct 98	Social Work	RG/08/97/98	10,317					
Mobile Food Co-Op Phase 2	Apr 98 - Mar 01	Oct 92	Mar 01	Social Work	RG/09/97/98	17,682		17,682		17,682	
Monklands Womens Aid	Apr 98 - Mar 00	Apr 91	Mar 00	Housing	RG/10/97/98	71,195		71,195			
Motherwell & Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau	Feb 98 - Mar 99	Feb 94	Mar 99	Chief Exec	RG/11/97/98	58,615		5,500	57,201	1,500	58,617
Plains Youth Information Centre	Jan 98 - Dec 99	Jan 91	Dec 99	Educ. Dept	RG/12/97/98	37,787		28,340			
Real Emergency Action Line Motherwell (REALM) (10 Mths)	Apr 98 - Jan 99	Apr 90	Jan 99	Social Work	RG/13/97/98	41,924					
South Coatbridge After School Care Project		Jan 98	Mar 00	Education	RG/14/97/98	17,611		17,611		17,861	
Wishaw Breast Feeding Initiative & Support Group		Jan 98	Mar 00	Social Work	RG/15/97/98	6,310		6,310		15,220	
Airdrie North Community Project Ltd		Jan 95	Feb 98	Social Work	RG/17/98/99	9,000					
Park Street Resource Centre/Whinhall Safe Play - SPARC		Aug-98	Mar 01	Social Work	RG/23/98/99	51,343		77,015		77,015	
Craigneuk Lone Parent Community Project		Aug-98	Mar-01	Social Work	RG/18/98/99	15,870	19,645	29,117		29,117	
Plains Countryside Park - FYC		Jly 93	Mar 01	Plan & Dev	RG/24/98/99	4,118	24,760	24,760		24,760	
Leisure Development for Young People (Parent Action for Safe Play)		Aug-98	Mar-01	Leisure Services	RG/22/98/99	4,708	25,062	40,943		40,943	
Langloan Elderly Community Care Caravan - FYC		Oct 90	Sept 99	Social Work	RG/21/98/99		3,105	1,553			
Kirkwood Caravan Scheme - FYC		Oct 90	Sept 99	Social Work	RG/20/98/99		9,735	4,868			
Health Awareness for All		Aug-98	Mar 01	Education	RG/19/98/99		2,199	3,298		3,298	
RP Management Costs - 2.5%							19,063	19,367		12,190	
Annual Inflationary Increase 2%							15,251	15,494		9,752	
<b>Total</b>						<b>25,696</b>	<b>762,538</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>774,680</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>487,615</b>
<b>Budget/ Balance remaining</b>						<b>50,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>
<b>Spend to Date</b>						<b>25,696</b>	<b>762,538</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>774,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>487,615</b>
<b>Balance</b>						<b>24,304</b>	<b>37,462</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>25,320</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>312,385</b>