

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP	Subject: EUROPEAN FUNDED PROJECTS - PROGRESS REPORT
From: CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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1 Purpose of the Report

This report updates members of the Working Group on the present position within the Council regarding European funded projects.

2 Background

There have been four previous reports to Members on this subject. The first in February 1997 gave an initial overview of the Council's position regarding European funding and demonstrated that a total of **£24m** had been attracted to the North Lanarkshire area over the period 1995-1996. At that time the European programmes to which the Council is eligible to apply were not yet approved with the previous ones having already closed. This meant that until around June 1997 it was difficult for the Council to access funding.

A report to this Working Group on 27 June 1997 showed that the Council was involved, often in conjunction with other partner agencies in approved European funded projects worth **£23,015,435** with **£6,682,942** of these works taking place in the North Lanarkshire area bringing **£2,504,121** into the Council in European grants. An additional **£34,623,606** of projects were awaiting approval at that time. In a subsequent report in November 1997, Members were advised that between June and November of that year, an additional **£1,756,045** worth of projects had been approved with **£49,164,965** worth of projects now awaiting approval. **£4,239,026** of the grant relating to projects approved and awaiting approval was due to come directly to North Lanarkshire Council at that time. The last report was tabled in March 1998, this showed that an additional **£14,951,549** of projects were waiting approval at that time, with **£2,416,054** worth of projects directly benefiting North Lanarkshire.

3 Current Position

Table 1 of Annexe 1 to this report gives details of projects approved since the March 1998 update and Table 2 informs members of the Working Group of projects yet to be approved.

The projects **approved** (table 1) are worth a total of **£22,633,880** with **£1,268,882** of these works benefiting North Lanarkshire. This has led to additional European grants to the Council since the last report in March totalling **£552,682**. This figure includes the Millennium Link proposal which was included in the previous report to the Working Group. This project is still awaiting formal ratification from the European Commission.

Those projects **yet to be approved** (table 2) are still subject to the decision making processes of the programmes to which the various bids have been submitted. These projects are potentially worth **£13,325,530**, should they be approved, with **£5,107,513** of projects to

benefit directly the North Lanarkshire area. If all outstanding projects were to be approved, the Council is therefore set to receive European grant totalling **£1,906,248**.

4 Analysis of Success

From the above, it can be calculated that North Lanarkshire Council has, since June 1997, been a partner in successfully approved projects worth **£48,783,560** with **£9,797,730** of these works taking place in North Lanarkshire. This has attracted a total of **£3,850,477** of European grant to the Council to date.

Through the mechanism of the European Affairs Officer Working Group co-ordinated by the Chief Executive's Department, and on which all departments are represented, considerable work has been undertaken regarding the promotion of relevant funding opportunities, and the submission of high quality bids. This has led to bids which are better integrated and where partnership both internally and with external agencies is a key priority in terms of maximisation of match funding.

5 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources European Working Group: -

- (i) Notes the contents of the report and the overall success to date of North Lanarkshire Council in attracting European funding


Chief Executive

Local Government Access to Information Act

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ANNEXE 1

POLICY AND RESOURCES EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP

European Bids Approved/To be Approved, May 1998

Table 1 - Approved Projects (March 1998 to May 1998)

Lead Department	Project Name	Programme	Funding Partners	Total Cost (£)	Grant (£)	NLG Exp. (£)	NLG Grant (£)
Planning & Devt	Millennium Link (Forth & Clyde Canal) (1)	Objective 2 (ERDF)	British Waterways	22,117,217	4,759,612	934,439	402,183
Social Work	Motherwell North Community Devt Project	Objective 3 (ESF)	PPA, LDA	212,223	95,500	212,223 (2)	95,500 (2)
Economic Devt	Womens' Placement Programme	Objective 3 (ESF)	LDA	29,440	13,248	14,720	6,624
Economic Devt	BOOST for Business Start Up (1998-2000)	Objective 2 (ESF)	LDA, BSI	275,000	137,500	107,500	48,375
Total of New Approvals - May 1998				22,633,880	5,005,860	1,268,882	552,682
New Approvals as at June 1997				23,015,434	8,541,555	6,682,942	2,504,121
New Approvals as at November 1997				1,756,045	796,150	652,654	293,928
New Approvals as at March 1998				1,378,201	574,595	1,193,352	499,746
Grand Total of European Funded Projects Approved to Date				48,783,560	14,918,160	9,797,730	3,850,477

Notes

- (1) As this is a project of a size which requires an ultimate decision at EU level, European Commission formal ratification is still awaited
- (2) These figures are fully funded from within the Programme for Partnership budget with no additional contribution from the Council

Table 2 - Projects Yet to be Approved

Lead Department	Project Name	Programme	Funding Partners	Total Cost (£)	Grant (£)	NLC Exp. (£)	NLC Grant (£)
Planning & Devt	Gartcosh Regeneration	Objective 2 (ERDF)	LDA	12,075,000	4,548,000	4,330,000	1,732,000
Economic Devt	YETI (Youth Employment and Training Initiative - 1998)	Objective 2 (ESF)	SLC, G, NA, SA, EA, R, ER, Inv, WD, ED	786,420	353,889	80,030	36,013
Economic Devt	MTTG (Management and Technology Training Grant - 1998)	Objective 2 (ESF)	SLC, G, NA, SA, EA, R, ER, Inv, WD, ED, A&B	219,340	98,703	169,340	76,203
Economic Devt	EGS (Employment Grant Scheme - 1998)	Objective 2 (ESF)	SLC, G, NA, SA, EA, R, ER, Inv, WD, ED, A&B	244,770	106,921	137,849	62,032
Total Bids Yet to be Approved				13,325,530	5,107,513	4,717,219	1,906,248

TOTAL OF BIDS APPROVED/YET TO BE APPROVED - MAY 1998

35,959,410 10,113,373 5,986,101 2,458,930

NB Grant amounts quoted in the tables as awarded or requested may not necessarily be the amounts of grant ultimately received as this will depend on final outturn expenditure

KEY:

A & B	Argyll and Bute Council
BSI	British Steel (Industries) Ltd
BW	British Waterways
Dun Ent	Dunbartonshire Enterprise
EA	East Ayrshire Council
ED	East Dunbartonshire Council
ER	East Renfrewshire Council
ES	Employment Service
G	Glasgow City Council
Inv	Inverclyde Council
LDA	Lanarkshire Development Agency
MC	The Millennium Commission
NA	North Ayrshire Council
NL	National Lottery
P&V	Private and Voluntary Sector
R	Renfrewshire Council
SA	South Ayrshire Council
SE	Scottish Enterprise
SLC	South Lanarkshire Council
SSC	Scottish Sports Council
WD	West Dunbartonshire Council