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Report to: **Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **10 March 2008**
 Report by: **Chair of Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Group**

Subject: **Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project - Shared Services**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Joint Committee on the funding position for the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Joint Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the award of a grant of £560,435.78 by the National Shared Services Board, payable on 31 March 2008 for both expenditure incurred and for anticipated expenditure, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that no further grant funding would be provided for the project from the National Shared Services Board.

3. Background

3.1 A grant of £560,000 was formally awarded by the National Shared Services Board (NSSB) to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development project in July 2007. The grant award would be payable on 31 March 2008.

3.2 A condition of the grant award was that the grant claim should be submitted for the full amount by the deadline of 14 November 2007.

3.3 Eligible costs incurred in the claim include both expenditure incurred and Clyde Valley employee time dedicated to the project (seconded and Council officers).

3.4 A further condition of the grant is that learning is scaleable to a national application.

4. Grant Submission

4.1 The Scottish Government required a detailed breakdown of costs incurred to date by the project and the anticipated expenditure to be incurred in line with the initial projections.

4.2 The grant claim was therefore broken down as follows:-

Period	Claim
1 April 2007 – 31 October 2007	£122, 534.36
1 November 2007 – 31 March 2008	£437,901.42
Total Claim	£560,435.78

4.3 The grant claim letter was submitted by South Lanarkshire Council's Head of Finance, the project's designated accounting officer.

4.4 Grant funding for the project is paid to South Lanarkshire Council on behalf of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Group, through the Revenue Support Grant (RSG).

5. Employee Implications

5.1. The post of Project Manager will be secured until March 2009. Further secondments may also be appointed on a short term basis funded by the NSSB grant.

5.2. The continued commitment of time from members of the Project Implementation Group and from colleagues participating in sub groups remains a critical aspect of the project and has been a key factor in successfully delivering the project's objectives.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. It has been made clear to the Clyde Valley Group that no further funding for the project will be available beyond the initial grant award. However, the Project Implementation Group are working to develop proposals which will ensure the continuation of the project.

6.2. The actual allocation of grant monies is as follows:-

Staff	£289,395.78
Consultancy	£161,100.00
Software Development	£96,000.00
Training (Project Team)	£1,940.00
Re-training	£12,000.00
Total allocation	£560, 435.78

7. Other Implications

7.1. None

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. Consultation with relevant stakeholders is planned.

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Chair of Clyde Valley Learning and Development Implementation Group

25 February 2008

Previous References

Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee – 16 October 2007

List of Background Papers

Clyde Valley EGF Training Bid

NSSB Clyde Valley Consortium Submission November 2006

NSSB Clyde Valley Consortium – Secondary Paper December 2006

Contact for Further Information

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