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Report to:	Corporate Resource Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 February 2008
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Lottery Funding - Establishment of Voluntary Sector Production Unit in Corporate Communications and Public Affairs
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Committee of Lottery funding secured to establish a Voluntary Sector Production Unit within Corporate Communications and Public Affairs
- ◆ request approval to establish 2 temporary posts of Broadcasting Assistants, for a period of 3 years, using Lottery funding

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that 2 temporary posts of Broadcasting Assistant on Grade 2, Level 1 (£15,621 to £17,099) be established for a 3 year period effective from 1 April 2008.

3. Background

- 3.1. Lottery funding has been secured to establish a Voluntary Sector Production Unit that will work with local organisations to produce programmes for South Lanarkshire Television's (SLTV) voluntary sector channel. It is expected to benefit 720 people and 100 organisations by enabling people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, isolated or marginalised, to improve the quality of their lives through increased access to community and voluntary sector services and information.
- 3.2. It is anticipated that 100 new programmes every year would be produced by the SLTV Voluntary Sector Production Unit during the 3 years of Lottery funding. These new programmes would be a combination of regular shows such as recruitment and volunteering opportunities, and features on specific agencies, issues or areas of interest. It is expected that by the end of the third year, up to 60 voluntary sector representatives will be able to work independently as programme makers.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. To reflect the increased remit and responsibilities of the Resource in taking forward this project, it is proposed that 2 temporary posts of Broadcasting Assistant are approved on Grade 2, Level 1 (£15,621 to £17,099) within Corporate Communications and Public Affairs (CCPA) effective from 1 April 2008 to 31 March

2011. These posts have been evaluated in line with the Council's competence initiative scheme.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. It is proposed to increase the establishment of CCPA by 2 posts of Broadcasting Assistant for 3 years. The minimum and maximum costs associated with these appointments are £39,052 (minimum) and £42,747 (maximum), including employers on costs.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications for the Council. The proposal will be fully funded by Lottery funding.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. Appropriate consultation has been carried out with the Trade Unions.

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Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

Tackling disadvantage and deprivation

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Application from Investing in Communities (Big Lottery Fund)

Contact for Further Information

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