

# Report

Report to:	<b>Enterprise Services Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>21 August 2012</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Quarry Fund – Newbigging Quarry Extension</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on Newbigging Quarry extension
- ♦ agree that the associated community benefit payments are managed through the Quarry Fund (QF)

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Council's Quarry Fund incorporate provision for the receipt and disposal of "Developer Contribution" payment in respect of Newbigging Quarry; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) is authorised to conclude administrative matters in relation to the incorporation of the Developer Contributions using the Quarry Fund mechanism.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Newbigging Quarry, located 5 km to the east of Carnwath, is operated by Tarmac. The quarry has been operating for a number of years and this extension, which is subject to a 'Developer Contribution', is expected over its 15 year lifetime to produce 200,000 tonnes of sand and gravel.
- 3.2. The South Lanarkshire Minerals Plan (Adopted in 2002) identified a 'Developer Contribution' in respect of sand, gravel and hard rock aggregates of 5 pence per tonne of extracted material that leaves the participating quarry. The operator of Newbigging Quarry has opted to pay the total Developer Contribution as a one off advance payment. This payment is £10,000 and represents an estimated extraction of 200,000 tonnes of material.
- 3.3. The Council has already established a Quarry Fund (QF) for the collection and distribution of 'Developer Contribution' payments from such developments. The QF model was developed from the experience gained in the development and management of the Renewable Energy Fund, which administers the community benefit payments from renewable energy developments.

#### **4. Criteria for Distribution of Newbigging QF Grants**

- 4.1. The eligible area for the fund generated from the Newbigging Quarry extension is shown on Plan 1 and is broadly the area within 10km of the quarry planning application boundaries. This includes the communities of Newbigging, Elsrickle, Libberton, Dunsyre, Biggar, Dolphinton and Carwath. Projects located within 5km of participating quarries will be given priority when applications for funding are received.
- 4.2. It is proposed that the existing arrangements for the distribution of funds through the QF for Annieston and Thirstone Quarries be used to administer the Newbigging Quarry payment. These arrangements acknowledge the small amounts of funding being received annually from such developments. Therefore it is proposed that Regeneration Services works closely with the South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership LEADER Programme to identify suitable projects.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The payment of £10,000 will be added to the existing Quarry Fund.

#### **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. There is no risk to the Council in supporting this proposal. By not proceeding the Council would not be acting consistently in support of its adopted policy and there would be a risk that the funds would not be distributed timorously and equitably to appropriate, eligible community organisations.
- 7.2. This proposal is line with the Council's Minerals Plan.
- 7.3. There are positive implications in terms of sustainability.

#### **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. Community benefit will provide support to a wide range of voluntary, charitable and community groups/bodies across an extensive area of rural Clydesdale. Consultation has taken place with Planning Services and the Quarry operators.
- 8.2. 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.

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#### **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Improvement Themes**

- ◆ Sustainable development
- ◆ People focused

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Planning Committee 04/ 10 / 01 Planning approval Annieston Quarry
- ◆ Planning Committee 20/ 03 / 07 Planning approval Thirstone Quarry
- ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee 1 October 2008 “Aggregate Quarries Developers Contributions”
- ◆ Planning Committee report 5 April 2011 re planning approval of CL/09/0329 for Newbigging extension.
- ◆ Planning Committee Report 21 February 2012 re provision of community benefit payment.

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee 1 October 2008 “Aggregate Quarries Developers Contributions”
- ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee 23 November 2011 Quarry “Fund - Thirstone and Annieston Quarries”

### **Contact for Further Information**

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