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Report to:	Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 December 2008
Report by:	Chair of Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Group

Subject:	Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Associate Membership
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval to introduce 2 Councils to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project as Associate Members

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that North and South Ayrshire Councils become Associate Members of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project.

3. Background

3.1. The terms of the grant provided to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project by the National Board for Shared Services include the condition that the outcomes of the project are made available to all other local authorities in Scotland.

3.2. The Minute of Agreement adopted at the last meeting of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee (1 September 2008) includes the provision that other local authorities may become Full or Associate Members by agreement of the Joint Committee (clause 3.8). Associate Members may from time to time be permitted by the Joint Committee to utilise all or some of the services of the Project but have no right to vote on the Joint Committee.

4. Current Position

4.1. Both North and South Ayrshire Councils have expressed an interest in different aspects of the work of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project .

4.2 As a result, representatives from both Councils have been invited to attend some of the Sub-Groups and to contribute to the work plans on an informal basis. The meetings attended have been the Management Development Sub-Group and the Accredited Training for First Line Management Group. The work of these Groups is most closely aligned to North and South Ayrshire Councils' current priorities for learning and development.

4.3 By becoming associate members of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project, the benefits will be to:-

- ◆ enrich the current membership of all the Sub-Groups
- ◆ maximise the opportunities for sharing good practice
- ◆ generate further savings for the Clyde Valley Councils
- ◆ extend the opportunities for creating economies of scale

4.4 One of the conditions of the original funding grant is that outcomes and learning from the Clyde Valley Learning and Development project should be shared nationally. By extending limited membership to North and South Ayrshire, the Project is taking steps to meet this condition.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None

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 has taken place with the Member Authorities.

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Chair, Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Group

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Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee Minute of Agreement

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