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Report to:	<b>Enterprise Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 November 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Quarry Fund - Thirstone and Annieston Quarries</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on Thirstone and Annieston Quarries
- ◆ 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" payments in respect of the Thirstone and Annieston Quarries; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (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. Thirstone Quarry, located just off Junction 13 M74, is operated by Loudounhill Contracts Limited. Annieston Quarry, located between the villages of Thankerton and Symington, is operated by Tinto Sand and Gravel Limited and both produce sand and gravel.
- 3.2. 'Developer Contribution' payments to the Council amounting to five pence per tonne of extracted material that means the quarries are included within the 'Section 75' planning conditions for each site. The first payments to the Council from Loudounhill Contracts Limited have been received and total £7800 while interim payments of £10,000 have been received from Tinto Sand and Gravel Limited. Future payments will be paid annually in line with the quarry material exported from each site and will end when the respective planning consents run out.
- 3.3. The "Section 75" agreement places an obligation on the Council to administer the developer contributions received from the Quarries.
- 3.4. 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. It is proposed that the existing arrangements for the distribution of funds through the QF be used to administer the Annieston and Thirstone Quarries, payments.

#### **4. Criteria for Distribution of Thirstone and Annieston QF Grants**

- 4.1. The eligible areas for the fund generated from Thirstone and Annieston Quarries are shown on Plan 1 and Plan 2 respectively and are broadly the area within 10km of the quarry planning application boundaries. This includes the communities of Abington, Crawford, Crawfordjohn, Robertson, Douglas and Rigside, in the case of Thirstone, and Symington, Thankerton, Biggar, Coulter, Libberton, Lamington and Wiston, among others, in respect of Annieston. Projects located within 5km of participating quarries will be given priority when applications for funding are received.
- 4.2. It is proposed that the arrangements for the distribution of funds should follow broadly those previously set out in the Council's Quarry Fund Policy. This policy specifies that the developer contributions normally be split into two specific funding streams, the Local Grant Scheme (30%) and the main Fund (70%). However, due to the small amounts of funding being received annually from these developments it is proposed that the fund should not be apportioned but be managed by Regeneration Services working closely with the South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership LEADER Programme to identify suitable projects. All other aspects of the Fund management will be as set out in the Quarry Fund including the intervention rates and associated scoring matrix.
- 4.3. Regeneration Services will administer these funds in the same way as they do with other Community Benefit Funds such as the REF and Clyde Wind Farm Fund.

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

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

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

- 6.1. There are no additional financial implications for the Council in managing the proposed funds.

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

- 7.1. There is no risk to the Council in supporting this proposal and the work can be undertaken within existing resources. 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 timeously and equitably to appropriate, eligible community organisations.

#### **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/Improvement Themes/Values**

- 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”

**List of Background Papers**

- Enterprise Resources Committee 1 October 2008 “Aggregate Quarries Developers Contributions”

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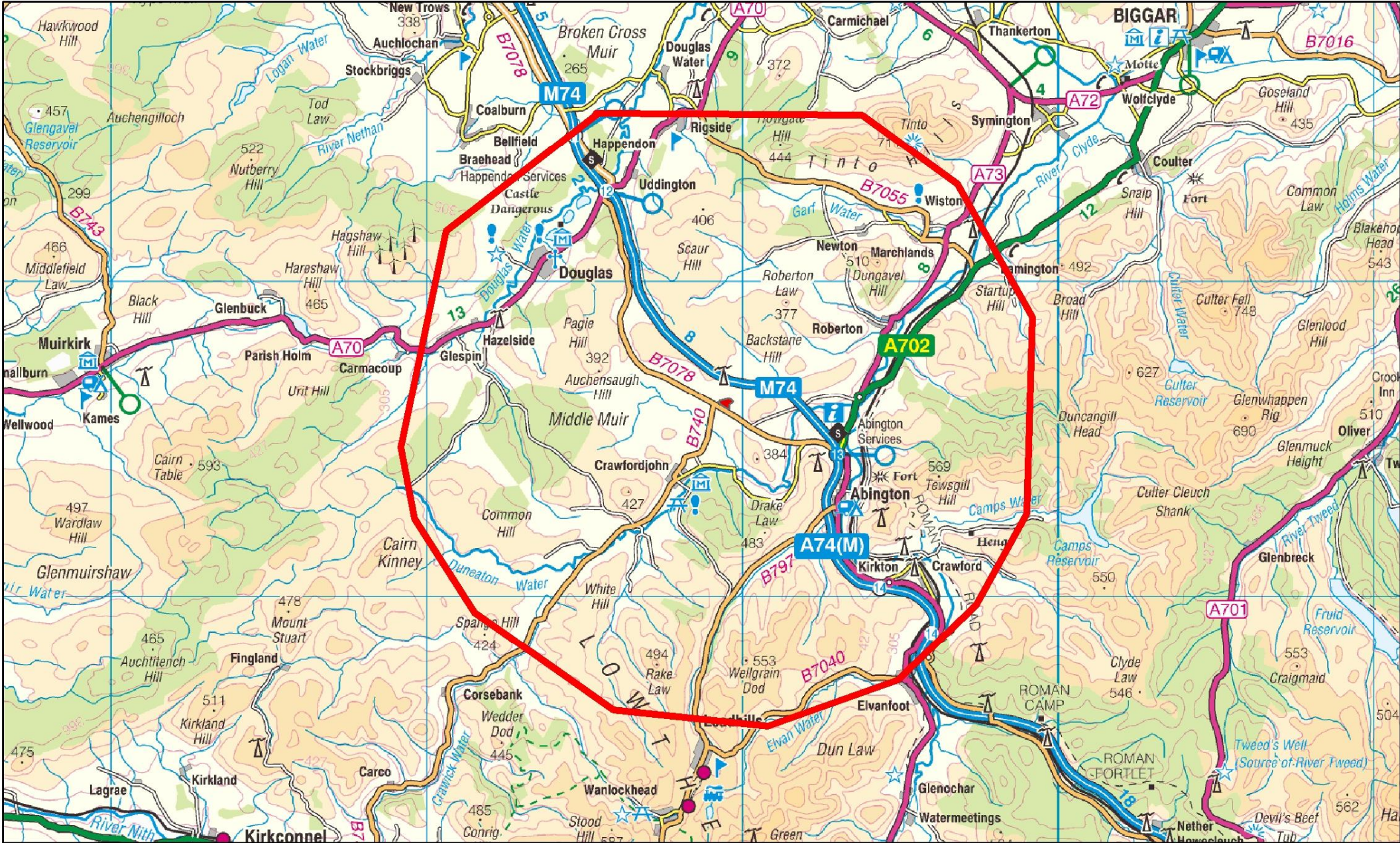
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# Annieston Farm, Symington, South Lanarkshire

