

# Report

Report to:	<b>Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>14 March 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Chair of Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group</b>

Subject:	<b>Funding for the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project for 2011/2012</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Joint Committee on progress made to secure contributions from Member and Associate Member councils in order to continue the work of the Project

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that it be noted that contributions amounting to £29,000 towards the funding of the project have been secured from 7 of the 8 Member councils;
- (2) that it be noted that discussions are continuing with East Dunbartonshire Council to secure their contribution towards the running costs of the Project; and
- (3) that it be noted that provisional discussions are under way with Associate Member councils with a view to securing a small contribution towards funding the running costs of the Project.

## 3. Background

3.1 The Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project was established as a pilot programme in 2005, to develop a shared approach to Learning and Development across the eight Clyde Valley Councils. A business case was developed and presented to the National Board for Shared Services in 2007 with a view to securing funding for the project. A grant of £560,000 was awarded to the Clyde Valley on a one-off basis from the Efficiency and Reform Fund (ERF).

3.2 At its meeting on 13 December 2010, the Joint Committee agreed that members of the Joint Committee and the Project Implementation Steering Group seek the support of their respective councils and Associate Member councils to contribute to the future running costs of the Project.

#### **4. Progress**

- 4.1 After further discussions held by the Clyde Valley Project Implementation Steering Group, it was agreed that a two tier funding model outlined at the previous Joint Committee was the most favourable option and one which member councils could support.
- 4.2 On this basis, it was agreed that those councils with larger budgets would contribute £5,000.00 and those with smaller budgets would contribute £3,000.00. In addition, it was agreed that discussions should take place with representatives from Associate Members seeking some financial contribution to the running costs.
- 4.3 On this basis the following contributions have been secured:-
- ◆ Glasgow City Council £5,000.00
  - ◆ North Lanarkshire Council £5,000.00
  - ◆ Renfrewshire Council £5,000.00
  - ◆ South Lanarkshire Council £5,000.00
  - ◆ East Renfrewshire Council £3,000.00
  - ◆ Inverclyde Council £3,000.00
  - ◆ West Dunbartonshire Council £3,000.00
- 4.4 East Dunbartonshire Council has yet to confirm its position regarding contribution to the running costs for the coming year. At the time of writing, a contribution of £3,000 was being actively pursued.
- 4.5 Provisional discussions have taken place with Associate Members, with a view to securing a maximum contribution of £1,000.00.

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

- 5.1 There are no employee implications regarding the proposal.

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

- 6.1 Funding of £29,000 has already been secured towards the running costs of the Project for 2011/2012 and efforts will continue to secure contributions from East Dunbartonshire Council and Associate Member councils.
- 6.2. Securing the detailed funds will ensure the continued work of the Project.

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

- 7.1 If funding is not secured the risk is that the Project would not fulfil its objectives and deliver savings.

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

- 8.1 No immediate action required.
- 8.2 Consultation has been undertaken with members of the Project Implementation Steering Group.

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**Chair**

**Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group**

4 March 2011

**Previous References**

Future Funding for the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project - 13 December 2010

**List of Background Papers**

Clyde Valley EGF Training Bid

NBSS Clyde Valley Consortium Submission November 2006

NBSS Clyde Valley Consortium – Secondary Paper December 2006

**Contact for Further Information**

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