

**REPORT TO: RECESS SUB-COMMITTEE - 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2001**  
**REPORT ON: OBJECTIVE 3 PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) LIMITED**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPORT NO.: 441-2001**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise the Committee on the establishment of Objective 3 Partnership (Scotland) Limited and request that the Council becomes an Associate Member of the Company. Objective 3 Partnership (Scotland) Limited is responsible for the disbursement and management of the European Social Fund in Scotland.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Director of Economic Development be nominated the authorised signatory for this purpose and that Dundee City Council applies for Associate Membership of the Objective 3 Partnership (Scotland) Limited.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial implications for the Council in becoming an Associate Member of the Company.

**4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Sustainable development is a horizontal theme running through all Objective 3 programme priorities. In particular, applicants are required to demonstrate how the project addresses the following issues:-

- Resource efficiency;
- Environmental impact;
- Net additional jobs;
- Access and opportunities;
- Local added value;
- Capacity building;
- Social Inclusion;
- Strategic Integration;
- Durability and Feasibility;
- Infrastructure Impact;
- Labourage;
- Evidence of demand.

**5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Objective 3 Programme is centrally concerned with the promotion of Equal Opportunities, specifically through promoting equity of access to the training and labour market for disadvantaged groups (Priority 2.1), tackling urban exclusion (Priority 2.2) and addressing equal opportunities issues in the design and implementation of projects.

## 6. REPORT

### 6.1 Background

6.1.1 The Objective 3 Programme is concerned with the disbursement of the European Social Fund within Scotland, according to the following priorities:-

- Priority 1 - Raising Employability
- Priority 2 - Addressing Social Inclusion
- Priority 3 - Lifelong Learning
- Priority 4 - Towards A Competitive Economy
- Priority 5 - Addressing Gender Imbalance

6.1.2. The finance available to the programme, in global terms is:-

- Priority 1 - Euro 116,000,000
- Priority 2 - Euro 177,000,000
- Priority 3 - Euro 48,000,000
- Priority 4 - Euro 109,000,000
- Priority 5 - Euro 34,000,000

6.1.3. Applicants are encouraged to apply for annual or multi-annual funding once each calendar year for the high volume priorities (1, 2 & 4). Low volume priorities operate to a rolling programme (3, 5, 2.3).

### 6.2 The Organisation

6.2.1 The Programme Executive, responsible for the implementation and administration of the Objective 3 Programme, has been a company limited by guarantee since August 1999.

6.2.2 Initially an interim board was established to take matters of urgent business forward for the company and to manage the consultation process leading to the structure of the company in terms of membership and representation.

### 6.3 Membership of the Company

6.3.1 The Members of the Company are:-

#### Organisation

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (C.o.S.L.A.)

Scottish Enterprise National (S.E.N.)

Universities Scotland (Formerly C.O.S.H.E.P.)

Association of Scottish Colleges (A.S.C.)

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (S.C.V.O.)

Scottish Council for National Training Organisations (S.C.O.N.T.O.)

An Officer of the Scottish Executive

#### Board Representation

Councillor Christine May (Chair)

Linda Ann Smith

Professor Malcolm Horner

Tom Kelly

Angela Morgan

Anneliese Archibald

6.3.2 These organisations represent the key sectors within the partnership and as such, are expected to represent the interests of their constituents' bodies at meetings. Each member has one vote.

6.3.3 Councillor Mervyn Rolfe is currently a member of the Programme Management Committee.

**6.4 Associate Membership**

6.4.1 Although it is the responsibility of the representative body to ensure that they are representing the interests of their constituency, the partnership feels that it will be helpful to offer individual partner organisations an Associate Membership.

6.4.2 Associate Members of the Company will be able to attend Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings and receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Company, although Associate Members would have no voting rights.

**7. CONCLUSION**

7.1 The advantage to the Council of Associate Membership would be that it would receive information directly, develop a more comprehensive view of the operation of the programme and re-affirm its interest in and support for the programme.

7.2 In the case of the Council, the application for Associated Membership of the Objective 3 Partnership (Scotland) Limited, requires to be signed by an authorised officer on behalf of the organisation.

7.3 The Director of Economic Development is the appropriate Officer given his corporate remit for European Affairs.

**8. CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 The Chief Executive and the Directors of Finance and Support Services were consulted during the preparation of this Report.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 No background papers were relied upon in the preparation of this Report.

**DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....Date.....**