

ANGUS COUNCIL**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****9 OCTOBER 1996****SUBJECT: RURAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS****REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****Abstract: This report seeks approval for funding to develop and deliver a three day rural business development workshop for women.****1 RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve a contribution of £1,500 to support the development and delivery of a three day rural business development workshop for women subject to the four delegates from Angus being selected in a manner satisfactory to the Director of Planning, Transport & Economic Development.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Rural Forum in partnership with Scottish Enterprise Tayside, and overseas partners (TEAGASC, the Irish Food and Development Agency, the Stichting Gelderse Valeii of the Netherlands) and local partners: SAC, The Angus Glens Business Group, Angus Local Rural Partnership, and the Highland Perthshire Communities partnership, are planning to hold workshops in Scotland, Ireland, and Holland to establish a trans-national women's business network. This network will provide a broad perspective on opportunities for business, diversification and enhanced business management capability in a rural context.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The proposal is for the Tayside specific components of this project. The Scottish area for this project is the Upland Tayside objective 5b area. The specific objectives of the project include:
- The generation of a business development workshop programme for rural women capable of transfer within and without Scotland.
 - The enhancement of the ability to develop, sustain, and grow existing and new businesses and respond to change.
 - To involve Rural women in training action to develop their own role in community.
 - Developing a local trans-national network.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The assistance sought from Angus Council is £1,500 to support four women participants from Angus. This can be funded from the Economic Development Revenue Budget for 1997/98. The total project costs are estimated at £16,000. Assistance has also been sought from Perth & Kinross Council (£2,000), SET (£2,700), the delegates (yet to be selected, £800), Rural Forum (£1,500 in-kind) and from European funds (£8,000 through LEADER II). The LEADER II application will only be submitted once the match funding has been secured. It is understood that both Perth & Kinross Council and SET have indicated their support for this project.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report

6 CONCLUSION

This project will provide additional business expertise for the rural community. Trans-national linkages will be formed which can help to promote Angus, as well as develop exchange of business ideas.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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