

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Working in Partnership with the Motor Trade
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 26th March, 1998. Ref: AR/MC	

**PROPOSED DECISION**

To note and approve the content of the report.

**BACKGROUND**

The motor trade and in particular the sale of secondhand cars, rightly or wrongly, suffers from a poor reputation in the eyes of the consumer.

**REPORT**

It is proposed, in association with South Lanarkshire Environmental Services Department, to hold a seminar with motor traders in order to establish a forum for a free exchange of information and a commitment from all parties towards giving the industry an opportunity to develop a greater mutual understanding in two important areas, firstly between the trade and the regulatory authority and more importantly between the trade and the consumer.

If sufficient interest is shown then the next step would be to implement a Voluntary Registration Scheme as approved by the Office of Fair Trading.

The scheme would allow participating traders to be identified by a membership certificate and logo. A Scheme member would commit to certain guidelines, and by the same token this Department would also commit to providing a fair and impartial service to members and consumers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee approve the report.

*M. Kenny L. Hutton*