

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE <hr/>	Subject: The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <hr/>	
Date: August 1998 Ref: DA/EC	

PROPOSED DECISION :

To note the report.

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The Department's Animal Health and Welfare Inspector has liaised with officers of Strathclyde Police to establish whether or not the requirements of the above mentioned legislation are being complied with in the course of transporting animals within the boundaries of North Lanarkshire.

During the months of June and July 1998, random spot checks of vehicles transporting livestock were conducted by the Department assisted by officers of Strathclyde Police Traffic Department at various locations on the A80.

Detailed inspections of the vehicles transporting animals revealed minor contraventions of the above Order and were addressed by means of advice or, where appropriate, verbal warnings. (The degree of non-compliance on these occasions did not necessitate any further formal action.)

As a precaution it was also decided that a location for the emergency unloading of livestock should be sourced and permission has been obtained from a farmer who has fields in a central location within North Lanarkshire to unload livestock to these fields in the case of an emergency, free of charge.

Further random checks are now being planned by the Department and Strathclyde Police Traffic Department at times and on routes used by the livestock vehicles travelling to and from the livestock auction markets of Stirling, Ayr, Strathaven and Lanark.

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