

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**AREA COMMITTEES**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. To discuss matters of local concern relative to the Council's activities and functions;
2. To consider and discuss the policy and operational arrangements affecting Council activities undertaken within the local area;
3. To consider issues remitted to the Area Committee by the Council as a matter of particular consultation where there is a specific wish to ascertain the wishes of the community;
4. To consider and make suggestions as to the needs of the area concerning services which are the responsibility of the Council;
5. To develop and update an area profile including local needs, opportunities, issues and resources;
6. To establish and support representative community forums as one mechanism for consultation and community involvement and to develop effective working relationships with them;
7. To support local community groups and voluntary organisations and provide a focus for participation and partnership involving the Council, the local community, the private and voluntary sectors and other public bodies;
8. To make decisions in respect of requests for financial assistance under the Community Grants Scheme and other schemes of grant remitted to Area Committees by the Council and to administer Area Development budgets;
9. To assist the Council in developing twinning links with any authority with which the Council has agreed a formal twinning scheme and which has been traditionally or generally associated with the area of the Committee; and
10. To carry out further functions as determined by the Community Services (Community Development) Sub-Committee.