

AGENDA ITEM No. 1**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: Education (Community Services) Sub Committee	Subject: The Children Act 1989: Report on Approved Activities in the Period April 1996 to December 1997
From: Director of Education	-
Ref: JMcG/JR/SJM	
Date: 9 February 1998	

Purpose of Report

To advise the sub-committee of the level of education department activity in connection with its statutory obligations under the Children Act 1989.

Recommendation

The sub-committee is asked to note and approve the contents of the summary attached and request the director of education to submit further reports to the sub-committee on a quarterly basis.

Members wishing further information should contact:

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EARLY YEARS SERVICES

THE CHILDREN ACT 1989: REPORT ON APPROVED ACTIVITIES
PERIOD APRIL 1996 TO DECEMBER 1997

Report by Director

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The education committee is empowered in terms of the scheme of delegation to approve successful applications for persons and premises being registered under the Children Act 1989. The Head of Support for Learning has delegated powers to approve these applications subject to ratification by the education committee.
- 1.2 The Children Act 1989 regulates the registration and inspection of registered childminders and daycare services for children under 8 years of age including independent and voluntary nurseries, out of school care, playgroups, crèches, etc.

2. Background

- 2.1 The attached appendix summarises activity in this area of the education department's work and was compiled on 9 February 1998. It is of course subject to change on a daily basis.
- 2.2 At March 1996 the computer register which was formerly held at regional headquarters was split and downloaded to the various successor authorities. Unfortunately much of the data downloaded to North Lanarkshire Council related to registered provision within the geographical area of adjoining authorities and it has taken a considerable time to identify improper records and delete these from the system.

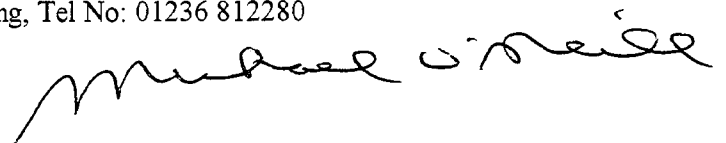
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APPENDIX

List dated: 09/02/98 at: 12:36:50

This analysis shows which activities took place between 01/04/96 and 31/12/97 inclusive.

	Enquiries	Applications	Registrations	Inspections	Cancellations	Register as at: 09/02/98
Childminders	281	157	74	191	138	262
Nurseries	17	11	7	24	2	32
Playgroups	14	12	1	71	18	96
Playschemes	6	9	3	10	7	15
Out of school	6	16	14	13	2	21
Creches	11	2	1	10	12	11
Family centres	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	335	207	100	319	179	437