

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: APPOINTMENT TO LOW MOSS PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 7 October 2002	Ref: JAF/IL	

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The report invites the Committee to recommend the appointment of a member to Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee following the resignation of the person previously appointed.

2. **Background**

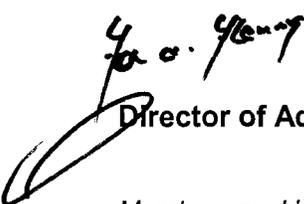
2.1 North Lanarkshire Council are, in terms of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 1994 as amended, responsible for appointing to Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee three persons of whom two may be members of the Council. In accordance with that requirement, the Council has appointed to Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee Councillor Jean Jones and two other persons who are not members of the Council. One of those persons, Ms Sara Clark, has intimated her resignation from the Prison Visiting Committee and it is necessary that the Council appoint a replacement.

3. **Consideration**

3.1 Having regard to the duties and responsibilities of Prison Visiting Committees, the Council has adopted a process for selection of Prison Visiting Committee members who are not members of the Council. That process involves advertisement in the local press, completion of application form, interviews and screening of applicants. Current appointments to Prison Visiting Committees will terminate following the Council elections in May and it will, then, be necessary for the Council to again undertake this process. In the interim, it is important that the Council make an appointment to Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee and it is open to the Council, in making this appointment, to appoint a member of the Council.

4. **Recommendation**

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee recommend the appointment of a member of the Council to Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee.


 Director of Administration

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact John Fleming, Head of Central Services on Extension 2228.