

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES - Registration District boundaries between Kilsyth and Denny
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of the approval by the Scottish Ministers of a Scheme submitted jointly by this Council and Falkirk Council to alter the Registration District boundaries between the Registration Districts of Kilsyth and Denny.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Committee on 21 August 2002, the Committee considered a report on the provisions of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 2002 with regard to the conduct of civil marriages outwith Registration Offices and the measures necessary to put in place such arrangements.
- 2.2 There was an issue relating to cross-boundary considerations where the boundary of one Registration District extended into the area of an adjoining local authority. The effect was that the licensing authority of the approved premises for the conduct of a civil marriage would not be the same as the authority responsible for the attendance of a Registrar to conduct the ceremony.
- 2.3 This was the case in respect of an area of the Kilsyth Registration District which lies outwith North Lanarkshire and within the boundary of Falkirk Council at Banknock. The Committee agreed to liaise with Falkirk Council in an approach to the Registrar General for Scotland to seek an adjustment to the boundaries of the Registration Districts of Kilsyth and Denny to accord with the local authority boundaries in that area.

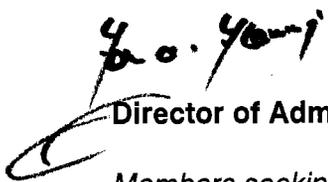
### 3. Considerations

- 3.1 With the agreement of Falkirk Council, a joint Scheme was prepared. Public Notice was given in newspapers circulating in the areas concerned and, thereafter, a joint submission was made to the Scottish Ministers on 27 November 2002 in terms of Section 6 of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 titled the North Lanarkshire and Falkirk Councils Registration District Scheme No. 1: 2002
- 3.2 In a letter dated 14 January 2003 from the Scottish Executive Justice Department, the Scottish Ministers have approved the Scheme without modification. Accordingly, with effect from that date, part of the Registration District of Kilsyth which is within the boundary of Falkirk Council is conjoined with the Registration District of Denny and the boundaries

are redrawn to form a revised Denny Registration District while the remainder of the Registration District of Kilsyth, exclusive of the area outwith North Lanarkshire, continues as a separate Kilsyth Registration District.

**4. Recommendation**

4.1 The Committee is recommended to note the report.



**Director of Administration**

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