

## REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: APPOINTMENT OF MRS ROSEMARY HUGHES, REGISTRAR/AREA OFFICER AS PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF REGISTRARS OF SCOTLAND	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 29 May 2003	Ref: JAF/AC	

**1. Purpose of Report**

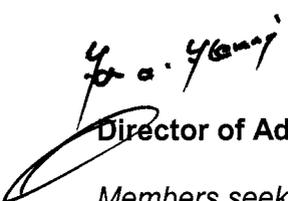
- 1.1 The report is to advise the Committee of the election, as President of the Association of Registrars of Scotland, of Mrs Rosemary Hughes, Registrar, Bellshill and Shotts Registration Districts and Area Officer for the Bellshill, Motherwell and Shotts area.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Association of Registrars of Scotland is the professional organisation of officers who have day to day responsibility for the registration of births, deaths and marriages in Scotland. Its objectives are the diffusion of professional information, the consideration of questions arising in the practice of registration and, generally, the mutual benefit of Registrars in Scotland. Membership is open to all Registrars and Assistant Registrars in Scotland and it promotes a professional examination leading to the Certificate of Proficiency in the Law and Practice of Registration.
- 2.2 The Association works closely with the Registrar General's office and with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities on all matters concerning changes in registration law. For example,
- The Marriage (Scotland) Act 2002 giving Registrars authority to solemnise civil marriages outwith registration offices;
  - Citizenship Ceremonies and plans to introduce such ceremonies conducted by District Registrars in Scotland; and
  - The Forward Electronic Register (FER) developing new registration software for Scotland.
- 2.3 Mrs Hughes has been a member of the Association since 1980. Her election at the Association's annual meeting at Inverness on 28 May 2003 is for a period of two years.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the position and to extend its congratulations to Mrs Hughes on her election to this post within her professional organisation.

  
Director of Administration

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