

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/2004
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The report makes recommendations to the Committee for adjustment and utilisation of the Administration departmental Capital Programme and resources for 2003/2004.

2. **Background**

2.1 The Council, at its meeting on 3 April 2003, approved the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee with regard to the revised composite Capital Programme for 2003/2004. Included in that programme are the following items

- Cumbernauld Area Registration Offices/  
Coatbridge District Court: refurbishment - £200,000
- Area Registration Offices: refurbish Coatbridge  
and Motherwell offices - £250,000

2.2 As detailed in reports included elsewhere in this agenda

- The works on relocating Cumbernauld Area Registration Office have now been completed. These works have been funded substantially from 2002/2003 capital allocation for Area Registration Offices with, it is envisaged, a sum in the region of £25,000 remaining to be funded from the current year's allocation;
- The proposal is that Coatbridge Registration Office and the District Court, Coatbridge be relocated to a new corporate development on the site of the former baths at Main Street, Coatbridge. A corporate capital allocation is provided for that development.

Against that background the following proposals are made with regard to the current year's Capital Programme.

3. **Proposals**

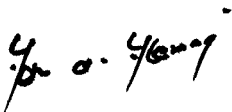
3.1 With the opening of the new general hospital in Wishaw, the Motherwell Registration Office is the busiest of all of the North Lanarkshire's Registration Offices. To accommodate the volume of business it is proposed that the accommodation within the Registration Office be adapted, refurbished and redecorated. It is proposed, also, that necessary works be completed to the area to the exterior of the Registration Office. The principal works required are the repairs to the walkway access to the Registration Office which currently suffer from significant ponding and can constitute a risk to users. It is, however, proposed also to undertake works to the former pond area to provide an appropriate and attractive background for wedding photographs as well as a more appropriate frontage for the Civic Centre complex. As the walkway is an elevated

concrete based structure, the full extent of the works will be identified only when the underlying concrete is exposed. The whole works remain to be fully costed but will require to be contained within capital allocations provided by the Council.

3.2 It is proposed, also, that if sufficient remaining funds can be identified both within the Administration Departmental Capital Programme and within the Housing and Property capital allocation for Council properties that the works undertaken to the Civic Centre be completed by the encapsulation of asbestos boards in the main stairwell, the re-cladding of the stairwell with attendant new lighting and glazing, and in contributing to a phased re-wiring of the Civic Centre complex.

4. **Recommendation**

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the foregoing proposals with regard to the Capital Programme for the current financial year, to be contained with approved Capital Programme allocations.



Director of Administration

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