

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: REGISTRATION: APPROVED PLACES
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report refers to the decisions taken by the Committee with regard to approval of places, other than Registration Offices, for the performance of civil marriages and recommends the extension of services provided by the Registration Service within such places to encompass, also, ceremonies marking other life events.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 21 August 2002, determined arrangements for the approval of places other than Registration Offices for the performance of civil marriages and, at its meeting on 27 August 2003, noted the venues outwith Registration Offices for which approval had been granted and the number of ceremonies performed.
- 2.2 There are, currently, a total of 12 non Registration Office premises within North Lanarkshire approved for the performance of civil marriages and, in the period since this facility was first available, a total of 342 requests have been received for the conduct of such ceremonies. Within the staffing arrangements available, all but 7 of those requests have been accommodated.

3. **Proposed**

- 3.1 Having regard to the experience in civil marriages, it is concluded that there is a level of demand for ceremonies outwith Registration Offices. It is, accordingly, proposed that this service extend to encompass not only civil marriages but, also, other life events.
- 3.2 It is proposed, also, that the fee structure for civil marriages apply, also, to ceremonies for other life events with the addition of an extra fee of £10.00. This, having regard to the absence of statutory registration fees, will result in the total fee for those services remaining at a level lower than that for civil marriages.

4. **Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee give consideration to the foregoing proposal.

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