

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: REGISTRATION – APPROVAL OF PLACES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report advises the Committee of the outcome of a consultation by the Registrar General regarding the possibility of amending the Marriage (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) Regulations to remove current procedures for the approval of places for civil marriages.

2. Background


2.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 8 March 2006, noted a consultation by the Registrar General for Scotland regarding the possibility of amending the Marriage (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) Regulations to remove current provisions for the inspection and approval of places outwith Registration Offices for civil marriages and agreed that the Registrar General be advised that North Lanarkshire Council, having regard to the need for these safeguards, does not support those proposals.

3. Outcome of Consultation

3.1 Correspondence has now been received from the Registrar General indicating that, in light of the responses received to the consultation, he had now abandoned proposals to amend the provisions of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) Regulations and that the current arrangements should continue to prevail.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the position.

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