

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: HOUSING COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE HOUSING FORUM.
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of a seminar arranged by the Housing Department to establish a Housing Forum for North Lanarkshire.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Housing Department previously held a seminar at Broadwood Stadium Conference Centre on 20 May 1996 to which representatives from the Scottish Office, Scottish Homes, and all Housing Associations active in the North Lanarkshire Area, were invited. The purpose of that seminar was to formally introduce North Lanarkshire Council Housing Personnel and our Housing Strategy, and at the same time establish links with other agencies. The meeting was well attended and discussion of future liaison concluded with agreement that a further seminar be arranged to establish a North Lanarkshire Housing Forum which would contribute to the development of housing strategy and provision.

3. Meeting on 9 October 1996.

- 3.1 A further seminar has now been arranged for Wednesday 9 October 1996 at Broadwood Stadium Conference Centre. Housing Associations, Scottish Homes, and the Scottish Office will be invited. This seminar will include presentations by senior staff of both North Lanarkshire Council Social Work and Planning & Development Departments to introduce staff structure, strategy and requirements which impact on Housing issues.

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4. Housing Forum.

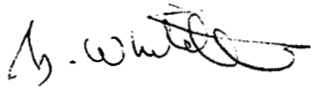
- 4.1 It is proposed that the Housing Forum will represent all Housing Associations and other providers of rented accommodation within North Lanarkshire along with the Council as the major landlord within the area. The Forum will act as a Housing Working Group to discuss and develop future housing strategy and provision to meet the needs of the North Lanarkshire community.

5. Recommendation.

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Council note the content of this report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Available from the Housing Department.



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