

AGENDA ITEM No.....5.....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: REVIEW OF CUMBERNAULD NEW TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT
From: HEAD OF SPORT AND RECREATION		
Date: 26 MARCH 1999	Ref: MMcM/KT	

1 **Introduction**

This report seeks permission to transfer the management of Cumbernauld New Town Hall from the Arts and Venues Section to Community Centres Section of the Department.

2 **Background**

Cumbernauld New Town Hall was formally opened in 1996. The approach adopted by the Department of Leisure Services was to manage the facility as a venue, thereafter to be administered by the Arts and Venues Section. It was therefore marketed, promoted and operates as a large scale venue. However, this approach may have had a detrimental effect on usage, in that it restricted the usage only to Groups prepared to pay the higher charges applied by Arts and Venues. Further, the current programme may also be deemed to be restrictive, in that it afforded priority to any Arts classes/courses offered by the Department, at the expense of other bookings.

Historically the charges applied for this venue have been consistent with the charges applied by Arts and Venues, which are traditionally considerably higher than those applied by Community Centres. The income target established is therefore in line with the higher charges/levels associated with Arts and Venues.

3 **Proposal**

It is proposed that the management of the New Town Hall be managed from 1 April, 1999 by the Community Centres Section of the Department. In line with this approach the following charges will apply

Beechwood And Craigieburn Suites (per hour)

	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Non-Commercial</i>	<i>Concession</i>
Mon-Fri (9am - 11pm)	£12.50	£ 4.00	£2.00
Saturday	£25.00	£11.90	not available
Sunday/Additional Hours after 11pm/ Public Holidays	£26.00	£12.50	not available

In line with the transfer arrangement other matters will require to be reviewed, and they will include the grades of the caretakers, and the re-establishment of new income target for the facility.

4 **Catering**

It is proposed that the Catering Policy currently operated within the facility be reviewed, to be thereafter consistent with the Policy which applies within the Community Centres Section i.e. there is no requirement to utilise the Council's Catering Services.

5 **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 5.1 The Management of Cumbernauld New Town Hall is transferred to the Community Centres Section
- 5.2 That all Community Centres charges be imposed on the hiring of Cumbernauld New Town Hall.
- 5.3 That the current catering policy in respect of Community Centres be adopted by Cumbernauld New Town Hall.
- 5.4 That a further report be submitted to Committee on the financial implications.

