

AGENDA ITEM No.14.....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee	Subject: Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Central Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 6 November 1996	Ref: BP/JRC

1 Background

The Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 4 September 1996, agreed arrangements for the implementation of grants to senior citizens within North Lanarkshire. In doing so the Committee considered the structure and membership of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Central Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens and accordingly remitted the matter to the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee for its consideration.

2 Structure and Membership

The Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Central Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens is an umbrella organisation with objectives which include:

- (a) taking the initiative in the provision, organisation and continuance of a comprehensive welfare service for senior citizens;
- (b) liaison with the local authority, the local health board and other appropriate bodies for the benefit of all senior citizens; and
- (c) receiving contributions from the local authority and other sources and arranging the disbursement of such funds to local committees.

The constitution of this organisation sets out its membership as:

- (a) two members of each local committee;
- (b) members of the District Councils General Purposes and Environmental Health Committee;
- (c) one member of the Social Work Department, Women's Royal Voluntary Service and Civic Trust.

As a result of Local Government re-organisation the Central Council is required to review the constitution. A representative of the Chief Executives Department has met with the Central Council to assist in this process and advise accordingly. A draft constitution has now been prepared which removes the requirement on the local authority to be a formal member of the Central Council but continuing to be involved in an ex officio capacity.

3 Secretarial Arrangements

In the past the Central Council was provided with secretarial support by Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council with an officer of the District Council acting as Honorary Secretary. The changes contained in the re-drafting of the constitution remove this support and the Central Council has been advised of the Council's Interim Community Grant Scheme as a possible source of funding to meet administrative costs. Age Concern Scotland through its development worker has offered a limited level of secretarial support.

4 Future Developments

The Central Committee and its member groups are currently considering the proposed changes to the constitution and the Chief Executives Department will maintain its support throughout this process.

5 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee note this report.


Chief Executive

Members seeking further information are asked to contact Barbara Philliben, Chief Executives Department, Ext 2391.