

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub- Committee	Subject: Area Committees - Submission of Community Council Minutes
From: Director of Administration	
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1. Introduction.

1.1 In terms of the arrangements for the decentralisation of service delivery and of political decision making, the nine Area Committees established by the Council have met over the past year or so in deliberation of a variety of issues.

1.2 Considerable interest has been shown by Community Councils in North Lanarkshire as to the activities of Area Committees. Indeed Community Councils have in many instances indicated an interest in participating in the work of Area Committees, primarily through an involvement with Community Forums.

2. Liaison Arrangements.

2.1 As a measure towards establishing improved channels of communication between Area Committees and Community Councils it is considered that there may be merit in submitting the Minutes of Community Council meetings to the Area Committees for their particular areas in order that Area Committees are kept abreast of the activities and concerns of Community Councils.

2.2 Notwithstanding the submission of the Council volume of Minutes to Community Councils following the cyclical Council meeting, the Sub-Committee may consider there is merit in adopting a reciprocal arrangement whereby Area Committee Minutes are forwarded to appropriate Community Councils for their interests immediately following their approval by the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee.

3. Recommendations.

3.1 That the Sub-Committee agree to the submission of Community Council Minutes to Area Committees for their particular areas, and

3.2 That the Sub-Committee consider adopting a reciprocal arrangement for the submission of Area Committee Minutes to appropriate Community Councils.



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