

## REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: CHRISTMAS GIFT SCHEME 2005
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
Date: 4 October 2005	Ref: BC/CC	

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides details of the operation of the Christmas Gift Scheme 2005, which will be operated by North Lanarkshire Council.

The scheme is based on a £10 payment to those residents within the Council area who are aged 60 or over regardless of their level of income or savings.

2 Background2.1 Eligibility

Recipients of the gift must be resident in the Council area and aged 60 or over.

2.2 Evidence

Since the withdrawal of Pension Books claimants will require to use alternative documentation to confirm their age and residence. Such documentation is likely to include:-

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Birth Certificate	✓	
Passport	✓	
Driving Licence	✓	
Rent Book		✓
Council Tax Notice		✓
Utilities Bill		✓
Pension Book	✓	✓

### 2.3 Operation of Scheme

Endeavouring to improve the accessibility of claimants at the distribution points we intend having 3 Saturday openings and use the Monday – Thursday as the final 'mop-up' of the remaining claimants. The distribution points noted in Appendix 1 will be open on the following dates:-

DAY	DATE	TIME
Saturday	19 November 2005	9.30am – 2.00pm
Saturday	26 November 2005	9.30am – 2.00pm
Saturday	3 December 2005	9.30am – 2.00pm
Monday – Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2005	9.30am – 4.00pm

The opening times will be extensively advertised in the local press and within a range of Council Offices.

### 3 Recommendation

The Committee is asked to approve the distribution proposal for the Christmas Gift Scheme 2005, as detailed in Section 2.



**Director of Finance**

Members wishing further information please contact Mr B Cook, Head of Revenue Services,  
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**APPENDIX 1**

<b>SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS GIFT SCHEME 2005</b>	
<b>Hours of Opening</b>	<b>Additional Payment Points</b>
<p>Saturday 19/11/05, 26/11/05, 3/12/05 - 9.30am – 2.00pm</p> <p>Monday 5/12/05 to Thursday 8/12/05 - 9.30am – 4.00pm</p>	<p>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Hours of Opening 9.30am – 4.00pm except where stated</p>
<b>Cumbernauld &amp; Kilsyth Area</b>	<b>Motherwell Area</b>
<p>Cash Office 2/4 Forth Walk Cumbernauld Cash Office Parkfoot St Kilsyth</p>	<p>Area/Registration Office, 20/22 Motherwell Rd Bellshill Senior Citizens Centre, West Main St Harthill (Wednesday only) 10.00am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 4.00pm</p>
<b>Monklands Area</b>	<b>Strathkelvin Area</b>
<p>Cash Office 10 Bank St Airdrie Cash Office 195 Main St Coatbridge</p>	<p>Auchinloch Public Hall, Langmuirhead Rd Auchinloch (Wednesday only) 10.00am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 4.00pm Registration Office Lindsaybeg Rd Chryston Stepps Public Hall, Cardowan Drive, Stepps 10.00am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 4.00pm</p>
<b>Motherwell Area</b>	
<p>Cash Office 26 Motherwell Rd Bellshill Cash Office 69/71 Merry St Motherwell Cash Office 135 Burnhead St Viewpark Cash Office 236 Main St Wishaw Cash Office 162/164 Station Rd Shotts</p>	
<b>Strathkelvin Area</b>	
<p>Cash Office Blackwoods Cresc Moodiesburn</p>	