




## AGENDA

- (1) Declarations of Interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

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 Referral in terms of paragraph 57(E) of Council Standing Orders:- Schools and Centres 21 Programme – Drumpark Additional Special Needs Primary School, Bargeddie and Greenhill Primary School, Coatbridge (pages 1-15) Submit report dated 4 February 2008 by the Head of Educational Resources (copy herewith)			
(c) Special Planning and Transportation	16 April 2008	510	515
(d) Planning and Transportation	1 May 2008	516	523
(e) Learning and Leisure Services	6 May 2008	524	555
(f) Housing and Social Work Services	7 May 2008	556	579
Referrals in terms of paragraph 57(E) of Council Standing Orders:- (A) Review of Monklands Recycle Furniture Initiative (pages 16-17) Submit report dated 3 March 2008 by the Head of Social Work Development (copy herewith) (B) Housing Services Structure Review (pages 18-25) Submit report dated 23 April 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)			
(g) Environmental Services	7 May 2008	580	593
Referral in terms of paragraph 57(E) of Council Standing Orders:- Best Value Review – Janitorial and Caretaking (pages 26-32) Submit report dated 7 May 2008 by the Head of Facility Support Services (copy herewith)			
(h) Corporate Services	15 May 2008	594	603
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Referral in terms of paragraph 57(E) of Council Standing Orders:- A Fairer Local Tax for Scotland - Consultation (pages 33-43) Submit report dated 22 May 2008 by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services (copy herewith)			
(6) Minutes for Approval			
(a) Meeting of Planning and Transportation Committee of 10 June 2008			
(b) Special Meeting of Learning and Leisure Services Committee of 11 June 2008			
(copies to follow)			

## (7) Notice of Motion by Councillor Goldie and Councillor Annette Valentine

“The popularity of the free swim access to North Lanarkshire pupils during the school holidays and the 3 month Access NL membership to our school leavers has been recognised over the past years. These concessions contribute to the health and well-being of our youth.

To promote similar health benefits in our senior citizens, we call upon this Council to carry out a study into current swimming pool usage to identify suitable underused times and sites which could be used to facilitate a pilot scheme of free swims for this age group.”

## (8) Notice of Motion by Councillor Murray and Councillor McWilliams

“NLC as Scotland’s largest local authority landlord in its role as strategic housing authority for North Lanarkshire, “is making good progress” according to Audit Scotland’s report on Best Value and Community Planning. NLC is also scheduled, “to exceed the Scottish housing quality standards by 2015”.

With the ending of “Communities Scotland’s” role as main Government housing financial provider to all “Social Rented Landlords” other than to the local authorities, this role now falls on the Concordat between local authorities and the Scottish Government.

A previous Government refused to accept NLC’s reasonable bid for the older former CDC housing in Cumbernauld in 1996. These houses had many existing problems and defects. It was certain that these problems would continue to worsen if the then necessary regeneration was not undertaken.

The then Government’s chosen housing agencies Scottish Homes and Communities Scotland did not seriously tackle this problem over a 12 year period.

It is now the duty of the Concordat between the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council to resolve this problem. The Scottish Government must provide the essential funds and North Lanarkshire Council must provide effective administrative and technical skill to resolve this problem by 2015.

Fifty per cent shared ownership paid for by the Government but preferably managed by the local authority is possibly the best solution.

If the Concordat fails to act on this project and they choose to ignore and watch it get worse after 12 years, they will both be condemned.

NLC does not wish hundreds of additional homeless families to be generated in an area where the waiting list is and has been for years the worst in North Lanarkshire. It therefore resolves to bring its maximum pressure on the Scottish Government for a satisfactory solution to this acute problem.”

## (9) Notice of Motion by Councillor Murray and Councillor McWilliams

“This Council is deeply concerned by our communities desperate need for:

- (a) More widespread comprehensive regeneration.
- (b) More available and affordable housing to rent for single persons, families, retired people and the disabled.

- (c) More speedy regeneration of our many primary and secondary schools which have not benefited from the very expensive PPP schemes which have provided a number of excellent educational, recreational and social facilities at a number of specific locations.
- (d) Greater provision of better training facilities for all our school leavers to ensure that they are able to fully participate in a developing economy as for example tradesmen and women, skilled computer operators, graduates and other trade specialists who can usefully contribute and enjoy the benefit of a society which will enable them to lead a useful life well into their 70's or 80's.

These needs can only be achieved by a local authority which is working in a Concordat with the Government which has opposed increases in Council Tax, if that Government has adequate funds to meet the Council's essential requirements.

These funds should be available.

According to the Westminster Government's published statistics on the current budget, north sea oil returns were based on an estimated price of a barrel of north sea oil averaging \$83.3 per barrel. An increase of \$16 a barrel on the pre-budget estimates.

The current price of north sea oil is over \$126 per barrel. When north sea oil in 2005/06 was based on an estimated price of \$40.6 a barrel the return to the Government was £9,700,000,000.

This Government's return is certain in the current year to be dramatically increased above that figure.

It is therefore important that North Lanarkshire Council proposes that COSLA in conjunction with the Scottish Government approaches the Treasury for sufficient funds to lead to a rapidly accelerated regeneration programme to meet the desperate needs listed above.

We move that this Council should take this action to lead all Scotland into a more meaningful and effective regeneration."

- (10) Audit of Best Value and Community Planning – Consideration of Accounts Commission's Findings (pages 44-49)  
Submit report dated 2 June 2008 by the Chief Executive (copy herewith)

**A copy of the report on the Audit of Best Value and Community Planning has previously been issued to Members and they are requested to bring this with them to the meeting**

- (11) Resignation of Councillor Wallace as Vice-Convener of Planning and Transportation Committee  
Consider filling vacancy arising

(12) Outside Bodies – Resignations and Appointments

- (a) Resignation of Councillor Harmon from Wishaw Housing Association
- (b) Resignation of Provost Curley from Fusion Assets

Consider filling the vacancies

(13) Questions received in terms of Standing Order No. 44 - list of timeous questions will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**(Members are reminded that Questions under the Standing Order must be submitted to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday, 10 June 2008)**