

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION: SOCIAL WORK (PARENTAL RIGHTS) SUB-COMMITTEE	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. **Background**


- 1.1 The Scheme of Administration approved by the Council provides for a Social Work (Parental Rights) Sub-Committee, the Terms of Reference of which are to discharge the functions of the Council in respect of the assumption of parental rights in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.
- 1.2 The sections of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in relation to the assumption of parental rights have now been repealed and replaced by the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 which makes provision for application to the Sheriff for a Parental Responsibility Order transferring to the Council parental rights and responsibilities relating to children. The Committee, at its meeting on 3 March, agreed to delegate to the Director of Social Work responsibility to carry out the functions of the Council in that regard.

2. **Proposal**

- 2.1 As all of the functions contained within the Terms of Reference of the Social Work (Parental Rights) Sub-Committee no longer exist, it is recommended that the Sub-Committee be abolished and the Council's Scheme of Administration be amended accordingly.

3. **Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee
 - (a) agree that the Social Work (Parental Rights) Sub-Committee be abolished; and
 - (b) recommend that the Council's Scheme of Administration be amended accordingly.

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