

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: PANEL OF SAFEGUARDERS FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 18 August 1999	Ref: CA/SW/MH/ RP/50/RM	

1. Background

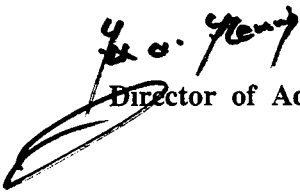
- 1.1. At a meeting of this Committee on 20 January 1998 it was agreed that a Panel of Safeguarders (attached as appendix 1) be appointed for North Lanarkshire until 31 December 1999.
- 1.2. These appointments are made in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and the Social Work (Panels of Persons to Safeguard the Interests of Children) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 and the Council is required to appoint panels from which persons may be appointed to safeguard the interests of children at a Children's Hearing or before the Sheriff.

2. Proposals

- 2.1. Of those individuals appointed in 1998, one person, Ms. Mary MacLennan, has resigned but the others are now eligible for re-appointment and it is proposed that letters be sent to determine if they wish to be re-appointed for a further two year period.
- 2.2. Following discussions with the Authority Reporter it is considered necessary to have a panel of twelve Safeguarders to cope with the volume of referrals. It is therefore proposed that, subject to the statutory consultations with the Authority Reporter, Sheriff Principal and Chair of the Children's Panel, the existing Panel of eight be re-appointed, that in the event of an existing Safeguarder not being or wishing re-appointment a replacement be appointed and that new Safeguarders be appointed to bring the Panel to the twelve considered necessary for the volume of work.
- 2.3. A number of applications have been received from persons wishing appointment and the names and addresses of those applicants are shown in appendix 2. However, the Committee may wish also to also advertise seeking applications from suitable persons who live or work in the North Lanarkshire area or in the immediate surrounds. The cost of advertising in the local press would be in the region of £1,800, for which no budgetary provision has been allocated.
- 2.4. While no allowance has been made for advertising costs, in the event that adverts are placed the cost could competently be met from the budget for Safeguarder costs. The total budget for 1999/2000 is £20,000. To date £3,200 has been expended, although expenditure is normally in arrears.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. It is recommended that the existing members of the Panel of Safeguarders be asked if they wish to seek re-appointment, and, if so, and subject to satisfactory outcome of the consultation process, that they be re-appointed.
- 3.2. That the Panel of Safeguarders be increased in size to twelve Safeguarders.
- 3.3. That additional Safeguarders be drawn from current applications or alternatively that press adverts be placed seeking interest from persons who wish to be considered for inclusion on the Panel of Safeguarders.
- 3.4. That interviews be conducted to make recommendations to a future meeting for appointment to the Panel of Safeguarders.



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Director of Administration

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
LIST OF SAFEGUARDERS
APPOINTED 12.02.98 UNTIL 31.12.99

NAME	HOME ADDRESS	OFFICE ADDRESS
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Elaine Grant	1 North Grange Road Bearsden GLASGOW G61 3AE Tel: 0141 942 6457	Jack Grant and Co 14 Hamilton Road Motherwell Tel: 01698 254636
Michael Higgins	12 Leesland Tannochside UDDINGSTON G71 6TW Tel: 01698 816231	TG Bradshaw and Co The Old Library Bellshill ML4 1AB Tel: 01698 747171
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Brian Mohan	58 Caldercuilt Road Maryhill Park GLASGOW G20 0AL Tel: 0141 946 0298	Robert Carty and Co Solicitors 10A Anderson Street Airdrie ML6 0AA Tel: 01236 761127
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Maggie Hamilton	30 Rosevale Crescent Hamilton
John McGoogan	"St Andrews" 4 Laird Street Coatbridge
Iain McLean	13 Alexander Street Clydebank
John Harris	39 Earlsburn Road Lenzie Glasgow
Stephen Murray	3A Lairds Hill Seafar Cumbernauld