

AGENDA ITEM No. 10 REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: RE-APPOINTMENT OF SAFEGUARDERS	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION			
Date: 29 November 2002	Ref: MH/RM		

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to advise Committee of nine existing Safeguarders who have applied for re-appointment to the Panel of Safeguarders for North Lanarkshire.

2. **Background**

- 2.1. At the Social Work Committee meeting of 23 November 1999 the Committee approved the re-appointment of the existing six Safeguarders for the period up to 31 December 2002.
- 2.2. At that meeting an additional five persons were appointed to the Panel of Safeguarders for North Lanarkshire for the period up to 31 December 2002.
- 2.3. At the Social Work Committee of 22 August 2002 an additional six legally qualified persons were appointed to the Panel of Safeguarders for the period from 1 October 2002 to 31 December 2005. The persons were recruited to cope with the additional demands on the system following a Court of Session ruling that the absence of the provision of state funded legal representation was, in certain circumstances, a breach of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

3. **Considerations**

- 3.1. Two members of the Panel do not wish to be re-appointed to the Panel of Safeguarders.
- 3.2. The other nine members of the existing Panel of Safeguarders have indicated that they wish to seek re-appointment and all of the necessary consultations undertaken with the Chair of the Children's Panel, the Sheriff Principal and the Authority Reporter. All responses have been satisfactory.
- 3.3. Details of the nine existing members of the Panel of Safeguarders seeking re-appointment are set out in Appendix 1 to this report, all members are recommended for re-appointment.

4. **Recommendation**

That subject to statutory checks, the Committee approve the re-appointment of existing Safeguarders as specified in Appendix 1 to this report for the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2005.


Director of Administration

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Mark Hamill on Ext. 2430.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

LIST OF SAFEGUARDERS

NAME
Kenneth Baddon
Francis Carolan
Elaine Grant
John Harris
Michael Higgins
Iain G. McLean
Brian Mohan
Stephen V. Murray
Jacqueline Young