

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: MEMBERS' ACCOMMODATION
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 6 August 2008	Ref: JAF/IL	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report recommends adjustments to the allocation of members' accommodation.

2. Background

2.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 15 May, authorised the Head of Central Services to carry out a review of members' accommodation. Following that review a number of adjustments are proposed.

3. Proposed Adjustments

3.1 The accommodation occupied by the SNP Group was extended following the May elections but, on an area per member basis, it is less than that occupied by either the non-aligned members or the Majority Group and, while it is possible to physically accommodate the requirements of the group within the current area, this has led to difficulties.

3.2 Following the review of the Council's decision-making structures there remains one room vacant on the fifth floor of the Civic Centre and, in terms of space, that room would be sufficient to accommodate the Members' Library which is currently located on the fourth floor of the Civic Centre. Relocation of some members of the SNP Group to the accommodation currently occupied by the Members' Library would bring the space allocation substantially into line with that for other members of the Council.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the foregoing recommendations.


Head of Central Services

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact John Fleming, Head of Central Services on Extension 2228.