

To: WISHAW AND NEWMAINS AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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### 1. Background

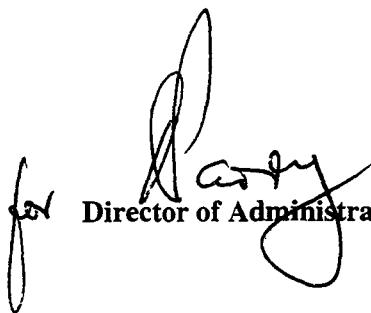
At meetings of the newly formed Wishaw Community Forum there was raised the issue of community representation on the Area Committee.

### 2. Committee Status

The Area Committee structure was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 20 February 1997 when it was agreed that Area Committees be established as formal Committees with specific delegated authority and comprising the local elected member. It was also agreed that community forums operate in parallel to the Committees and be seen as key mechanisms for community representatives to raise issues and influence decisions at the Area Committees.

### 3. Conclusion

If the Area Committee wish to raise the issue of Community representation on the Area Committees in a full membership capacity it would be appropriate for such a recommendation to be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration

  
 Director of Administration

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