

REPORT

To: CORPPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS	
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES			
Date: 02 April 2015	Ref: CLM/MR		

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Council of the proposed arrangements for the Community Council quadrennial elections in terms of North Lanarkshire Council Scheme for Community Councils.

2. Background

- 2.1. At a meeting of the Council on 24 March 2011 the Council adopted the North Lanarkshire Council Scheme for Community Councils.
- 2.2. The Scheme outlines the general role of Community Councils and Community Councillors, specifies areas where Community Councils are to be established, provided details as to composition of membership, outlined arrangements for the ordinary election of Community Council Members, including the co-option of Members to Councils, specifies arrangements for AGMs and EGMs and makes a number of other general provisions as to their establishment, finance and dissolution amongst other things.
- 2.3. The Council has also approved a Code of Conduct for Community Councillors and a model Constitution and Standing Orders for the conduct of meetings.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. In terms of the Scheme, Community Council members are required to stand down every four years with the right to be nominated for a further term of office.
- 3.2. Again, in terms of the Scheme, the Council's Returning Officer for this purpose is required to make the necessary arrangements for the re-constitution of Community Councils and, where necessary, to make arrangements for elections where the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies for elected members on the Community Councils.
- 3.3. In this regard, a date requires to be identified whereby members of Community Councils shall stand down and a process, in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, initiated for elections to Community Councils and the necessary subsequent actions which this process entails.
- 3.4. For the purpose of the elections in 2015 it is proposed that the date whereby Community Council members shall stand down shall be Wednesday, 7 October 2015 at 11.59 pm.

- 3.5. Prior to this date a number of letters will be issued to Community Councils providing further detail of the process for elections to subsequent Community Councils, for nomination to same and providing other relevant information.
- 3.6. Full details will also be provided on the Council's website and they will also be locally advertised.

4. **Corporate Considerations**

There are no adverse financial, legal or property corporate implications arising from approval of this report.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1. The Committee is asked to agree that the proposed date whereby Community Council members will be requested to stand down be set for Wednesday, 7 October 2015.
- 5.2. The Committee is otherwise asked to note the contents of this report.



AR Executive Director of Corporate Services

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Andrew Rose, Chief Committee Services Manager on extension 2287.