

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS
From: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES		
Date: 15 November 2015	Ref: CJ/RM	

### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the results of the recent quadrennial elections for Community Councils in North Lanarkshire.

### 2. Background

At the Council meeting on 18 June 2015, consideration was given to a report seeking authority (1) to make the necessary arrangements for the undertaking of quadrennial elections to establish Community Councils in North Lanarkshire in terms of the new Scheme, and (2) also that the current Community Council members stand down on 7 October 2015.

### 3. Results of Quadrennial Elections

3.1. Following an extensive publicity campaign, utilising the Council's website, First Stop Shops and Libraries throughout North Lanarkshire, nominations were sought to establish Community Councils throughout the area.

3.2. As of the present time, nominations have been received either to form a Community Council or to initiate measures to re-establish a Community Council on behalf of the undernoted:-

Auchinloch, Banton and Kelvinhead, Bellshill, Cairnhill, Carbrain and Hillcrest, Castlecary, Central Wishaw, Chryston, Cleland, Coltness, Condorrat, Craigmarloch, Croy, Craigneuk, Dullatur, Gartcosh, Greengairs, Harthill and Eastfield, Kildrum, Kilsyth, Ladywell, Monkland Glen, Newarthill, Newmains and District, North Calder, Overtown and Waterloo, Plains, Queenzieburn, Salsburgh, Stepps and District, The Village and Westfield, and these were either established or re-established on 8 October 2015.

3.3. Notwithstanding the terminology "Quadrennial Elections" there were no instances in which the number of nominations for Community Councillors exceeded the number of available vacancies, and accordingly there was not a need to conduct any elections.

3.4. In a few cases insufficient nominations were received to form a Community Council, however following the close of the nomination process a petition has been received seeking to establish a Community Council for Glenmavis.

3.5. In these cases where a Community Council ceased to operate and was not re-established, steps have been taken to retrieve all financial records, monies etc.

### 4. Corporate Considerations

There are no adverse financial, legal, property or corporate implications arising from the report.

5. **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to note the current status of Community Councils in North Lanarkshire following the recent quadrennial elections.



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