

AGENDA

- (1) Declarations of Interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

- (2) Presentation - Inspection of Social Work Services in North Lanarkshire (pages 1-2)
Submit report dated 7 July 2008 by Head of Social Work Development advising of the inspection of Social Work Services in North Lanarkshire by the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) (copy herewith)

PERFORMANCE

- (3) Quarterly Performance Management Exception Report (pages 3-6)
Submit report dated 7 August 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services advising of service performance within the quarter that falls outwith agreed thresholds (copy herewith)

- (4) Annual Complaints Status Report - 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008 (pages 7-11)
Submit report dated 7 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Development advising of Social Work's performance in handling complaints from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 (copy herewith)

- (5) Initiatives to Help Reduce Absence Levels within Housing and Social Work Services (pages 12-19)
Submit report dated 1 July 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources advising of progress to date in improving attendance at work and seeking approval for the implementation of various initiatives within Housing and Social Work Services with a view to increasing general health and wellbeing of staff to reduce absence levels (copy herewith)

- (6) A Summary Report of Welfare Rights Activities – 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 (pages 20-23)
Submit report dated 11 June 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources advising of the work undertaken and benefit income generated by the Housing and Social Work Welfare Rights Service in the financial year 2007/2008 (copy herewith)

STRATEGY

- (7) Temporary Accommodation Strategy - Consultation Draft (pages 24-49)
Submit report dated 7 August 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to undertake a consultation exercise on the draft Temporary Accommodation Strategy (copy herewith)

- (8) Applying for Pressured Area Status – Outcome of Consultation (pages 50-52)
Submit report dated 14 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to apply for "Pressured Area Status" for social rented housing in the local housing market areas of Cumbernauld and Moodiesburn (copy herewith)

FINANCIAL

- (9) General Debtors Bad Debt Write-Off (pages 53-57)
Submit report dated 20 July 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources advising of a summary of outstanding debtor accounts which are deemed uncollectable following all attempts at recovery (copy herewith)

OPERATIONAL

- (10) MPC Revised Business Process Improvement to Repairs Service (pages 58-59)
Submit report dated 11 August 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services advising on progress made in relation to the MPC new process for the Repairs Service (copy herewith)
- (11) Housing and Property Maintenance Service (pages 60-61)
Submit report dated 25 July 2008 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval to homologate the action taken to appoint a consultancy to deliver a high level option appraisal to assist Council in developing a strategy for the Housing and Property Maintenance Service which is due to be in place following the current contract arrangements (copy herewith)
- (12) Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 – Draft Guidance - Consultation Response (pages 62-65)
Submit report dated 10 July 2008 by the Head of Housing of Services advising of the implications of the new Housing Act following consultation (copy herewith)
- (13) Fees, Allowances and Payments 2008/2009 – Adoption, Fostering, Supported Carers and Care Leavers (pages 66-69)
Submit report dated 20 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services (copy herewith)
- (14) Adoption, Fostering and Family Placement Panel – Elected Member Participation (pages 70-71)
Submit report dated 24 July 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services/Chief Social Work Officer seeking interest from Elected Members as community representatives to North Lanarkshire's Adoption, Fostering and Family Placement Panel (copy herewith)
- (15) Kinship Care (pages 72-75)
Submit report dated 18 July 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services advising of work being undertaken in developing the Scottish Government scheme to support kinship carers (copy herewith)
- (16) Housing Support Services – Extension of Funding (pages 76-77)
Submit report dated 7 August 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for the extension of three "Supporting People" funded contracts until 31 September 2009 (copy herewith)

- (17) Tendering Exercise - Taxi and Private Car Hire Services (pages 78-81)
Submit report dated 7 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Development seeking approval to implement the outcome of a tendering exercise for the provision of taxi and private hire car services on behalf of Social Work Services (copy herewith)
- (18) Response to Consultation on Regulations made under Section 32A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (pages 82-105)
Submit report dated 22 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to the Council's proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation paper on Section 32A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (copy herewith)
- (19) Additional Funding in Respect of Services to Deal with Alcohol Misuse (pages 106-107)
Submit report dated 29 July 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services/Chief Social Work Officer advising of new funding which has been made available by the Scottish Government to provide additional services in Lanarkshire to tackle alcohol misuse (copy herewith)
- (20) Development of a North Lanarkshire Out of Hours Emergency Social Work Service (pages 108-109)
Submit report dated 1 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services seeking approval to create a Service Manager post to manage the emergency out of hours social work service (copy herewith)
- (21) Section 10 Grant Funding (pages 110-113)
Submit report dated 8 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services advising on current applications for funding and other issues relating to the management of the Section 10 Grants Programme (copy herewith)
- (22) Reach Out Youth Education Project Funding 2008/2009 (pages 114-115)
Submit report dated 16 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to increase the budget available in 2008/2009 to CAB Reach Out Youth Education Project (Housing and Homelessness) (copy herewith)
- (23) Selection of Preferred Support Provider for Very Sheltered Housing (pages 116-117)
Submit report dated 14 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services advising on progress regarding selection of the core housing support provider (warden services) at the Very Sheltered Housing site, currently being developed in Airdrie (copy herewith)
- (24) Walkerburn Drive Homeless Unit (pages 118-119)
Submit report dated 17 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to proceed with the re-provisioning of the temporary accommodation at 1-15 Walkerburn Drive, Coltness, including the relocation of the staff and the demolition of the block (copy herewith)

- (25) Land Surplus to Operational Requirements (HRA): Parnell Street/Imperial Drive, Airdrie; Lomond Road, Coatbridge; Arrandale Road/Ballochney Road, Airdrie; Ballochney Street, Airdrie; Rochsolloch Road, Airdrie (pages 120-125)
Submit report dated 24 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval to declare land surplus to the operational requirements of the Housing and Social Work Services (copy herewith)

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

- (26) The Redesign of Children and Family Services (Phase 3) (pages 126-131)
Submit report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services seeking approval to implement the third phase of the redesign of services (copy herewith)
- (27) Development of Services for Children with Disabilities and their Families (pages 132-134)
Submit report dated 22 July 2008 by the Head of Social Work Services seeking approval of proposals to develop services for children with disabilities (copy herewith)
- (28) Implementation of Integrated Day Services for Older People - Phase 1 (pages 135-138)
Submit report dated 1 August 2008 by the Head of Social Work Development seeking approval to implement phase 1 of integrated day services for older people (copy herewith)
- (29) Temporary Posts (pages 139-141)
Submit report dated 1 August 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Services seeking approval to extend the temporary contracts for a period of six months for staff whose contracts expire on 30 September 2008 (copy herewith)

MONITORING

- (30) Budget Monitoring Reports - 1 April to 20 June 2008
- (a) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (pages 142-144)
 - (b) Non-HRA and Social Work Services (pages 145-148)
- Submit reports by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for Housing and Social Work Services against the estimated expenditure and income (copies herewith)
- (31) Capital Programme and Budget Monitoring Reports - 1 April to 20 June 2008
- (a) 2008/2009 HRA Capital Programme (pages 149-151)
 - (b) Social Work Services Capital Programme 2008/2009 (pages 152-153)
- Submit reports by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for Housing and Social Work Services against the estimated expenditure and income (copies herewith)

- (32) Housing Capital Programme (HRA) – 2007/08 Final Outturn and 2008/09 Mid-Year Review (pages 154-157)
Submit report dated 21 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services advising on the final outturn on the 2007/2008 Housing Capital Programme (HRA) and review spending plans for the current year (copy herewith)
- (33) Housing and Social Work Services Overtime Budget Monitoring Report (pages 158-159)
Submit report dated 22 July 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources advising of overtime hours worked by employees who have reached the earnings "ceiling" and those who are paid on or above SCP35 (copy herewith)
- (34) Supplementation Rate Increases in Establishments Outwith this Authority (pages 160-162)
Submit report dated 21 July 2008 by the Head of Housing and Social Work Resources seeking approval of the new supplementation rates set by other local authorities for registered services located in their area (copy herewith)

CONTRACTS

- (35) For Noting - Contracts
- (a) Conversion of Edward Lawson Centre to Form a Training Facility (pages 163-164)
 - (b) Internal Alterations to Unit 36, Fern Street, Motherwell (pages 165-166)
 - (c) 12 Rannoch Court, Condorrat - Conversion of Warden's House (pages 167-168)
- Submit reports by Head of Design Services advising of tenders received and being progressed by the Executive Director of Corporate Services and submitted for information (copies herewith)
- (36) Extension to Contract – Tower Block Refurbishment to Oakfield, Anderson and Albion Towers – Additional 2 Blocks at Whamond and Airbles Tower (page 169)
Submit report dated 30 July 2008 by the Head of Design Services (copy herewith)
- (37) Tendering Contract for Furniture Supply and Removal and Storage Service (pages 170-171)
Submit report dated 5 August 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services seeking approval to award the contract following the tendering exercise to supply furniture packs, the removal and storage of furnishings (copy herewith)

MISCELLANEOUS

- (38) Petitions
- (a) Residents of an Area Within Wishaw Requesting a Lane Closure (pages 172-173)
Submit report dated 1 July 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)

- (b) Residents of Clyde Drive, Bellshill Requesting Double Glazed Windows (pages 174-175)
Submit report dated 9 June 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
 - (c) Residents of Kilsyth Regarding the Future Provision of Residential Care Services Within Burngreen Lodge (pages 176-177)
Submit report dated 9 June 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
 - (d) Residents of Rochsoles Drive, Airdrie Requesting a New Car Park Area (page 178)
Submit report dated 20 May 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
 - (e) Residents of an Area Within Kilsyth Regarding Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour Within the Area (pages 179-180)
Submit report by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
 - (f) Residents of St. Catherine's Crescent/Starryshaw Road and Earn Terrace, Shotts Regarding Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour (pages 181-182)
Submit report dated 25 June 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
 - (g) Residents of an Area within Bellshill objecting to a Council Tenant (page 183)
Submit report dated 1 August 2008 by the Head of Housing Services (copy herewith)
- (39) Conferences (pages 184-185)
Submit report dated 23 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising of invitations received to attend conferences (copy herewith)

Exclusion of Public

The Committee is asked to consider passing the following resolution:

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act."

- (40) Death of a Looked After Child (pages 186-187)
Submit report dated 21 July 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services (copy herewith to Members only)