

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 21 January 1997	
REF: DOCTE /DO	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee on proposed arrangements for the establishment of the North Lanarkshire Advisory Committee on Inspection.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Social Work Committee on 4 March 1996 approved the formation of an Advisory Committee on Inspection, its terms of reference and composition, in line with Scottish Office Circular SW/9/90.

2.2 Subsequent guidance was issued to local authorities in March 1996 in Scottish Office Circular SW/7/96. This confirmed the requirement to establish an Advisory Committee and emphasised that the composition should comprise a high percentage of users, as well as relatives, carers and representatives of users.

3. NOMINATIONS

3.1 Following contact with appropriate individuals and organisations, including meetings with voluntary and private provider representatives, twenty three nominations were received by the Director of Social Work. Of these twenty one indicated a willingness to be involved and subsequently eleven have been selected from the following groupings:

- 1 representative from the voluntary sector,
- 1 representative from the private sector,
- 3 service users,
- 2 carers,
- 2 representatives of user organisations,
- 1 representative from Lanarkshire Health Board,
- 1 representative with expertise in the fields of community and residential care.

Additionally, Councillors W Martin and G McElroy have been nominated as members representatives to serve on this Committee.

3.2 In line with SWSG/7/96 seven from the total of thirteen nominations are either service users, user organisations representatives or carers. Details of all nominees are included as Appendix One.

4. CHAIR AND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 In order to assist with the initial task of establishing the Advisory Committee, it is proposed that the Council seeks the agreement of the Advisory Committee to the nomination of a North Lanarkshire Council elected member as first Chairperson, for a period of one year. Thereafter, the Advisory Committee will assume responsibility for selecting a chairperson, for a fixed period, from within the group.

5. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Committee is required to meet at least twice a year, although the guidance indicates more often is desirable. It is proposed to convene meetings on a quarterly basis, subject to review after the first year of its operation.

6. EXPENSES

- 6.1 In view of the high proportion of users, carers and users representatives organisations on the Committee, it is proposed that the Director of Social Work should have the discretion to reimburse travelling expenses incurred, where this is considered to be appropriate.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Committee is asked to approve the terms of this report.



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Director of Social Work
January 1997

For further information on this report please contact Dennis O'Donnell, Principal Officer (Registration and Inspection)
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Appendix 1**NOMINATIONS LIST - FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Elected Members**

Councillor G McElroy
Councillor W Martin

Local Voluntary Sector Representatives

Roddy Thomson, VAMW, 150 Gavin Street, Motherwell

National Voluntary Sector Groups with advocacy focus

Sheila Callens, Alzheimers Scotland - Action On Dementia, Old Town Hall, High Road, Motherwell

Sarah McConnachie, Who Cares? Scotland, Unit C3, Block 4, Templeton Business Centre, Glasgow

Private Sector Representative

Rose Jootun, Owner, Dunbeth Lodge, 98 Dunbeth Road, Coatbridge

Residents Representatives

Helen Finlayson, Resident, Belhaven Residential Home, 16 Grahamshill Street, Airdrie

Helen Reid, Resident, Meadowside House, 44 Forrest Street, Airdrie

Mary Doran, Resident, Heatherpark House, 47 Clelland Road, Wishaw

Carers Representatives

Matt Sprott, Carer, c/o Buchanan Street, Parent & Carers Group, Buchanan Street Resource Centre, Buchanan Street, Coatbridge

Anne McConnachie, 29 Nethen Avenue, Netherton ML2 0BS

Ex Local Authority Representative

Bob Davis, 5 Braid Green, Livingston

Health Board Representative

Tom Lynch, Acting CANO, Lanarkshire Health Board, Beckford Street, Hamilton