
SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB - 19 February 1997

Motherwell, 19 February 1997 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND
ADMINISTRATION) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Beekman, Cox, Leitch, Lunny, McKendrick, W. Martin, Murphy and Robertson.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Resources and Principal Officer (Registration and Inspection).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Craig, Gordon, McCulloch, H. McGuigan, J. McGuigan, Provost Mathieson and Saunders.

**REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENT: NEW REGISTRATIONS AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF
CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1997 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1987, there had approved new Registrations and/or Changes to the Registration of Establishments, details of which were appended to the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE

(1) LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1997 by the Director of Social Work in respect of the process proposed for review and amendment of the list of authorised providers of social care services (1) outlining the background to the list of authorised providers of social care services and detailing arrangements for review of the authorised providers list, and (2) advising that 12 organisations had submitted requests to be considered for inclusion on the list.

Decided: that there be noted

- (1) that there had been no amendment to date to the list of authorised providers for social care services inherited by North Lanarkshire Council since re-organisation;

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- (2) the list of authorised providers as set out in the Appendices to this report;
- (3) that a first review of the list of authorised providers would be carried out by September 1997, and
- (4) in the interim, requests for inclusion in the list of authorised providers would be processed on an individual basis and the outcome reported to the Sub-Committee.

(2) UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 January 1997 when, inter alia, it had been noted that discussions had now concluded in respect of a standard pre-placement "call-off" Contract for residential care in nursing homes for the elderly, there was submitted a report dated February 1997 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that arrangements were being made to regularise the contracting position of residential and nursing home establishments; (2) intimating that although there were no new residential home services which required a contract, the Health Board had indicated that two new nursing homes would require to be included within the contractual framework, and (3) informing that there had been no requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for individuals.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that a further report be submitted on the regularisation of contracts for residential and nursing home establishments.

LEARNING DISABILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - PROPOSED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND ENABLE SERVICES

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated December 1996 by the Director of Social Work seeking permission to enter into partnerships with the National Development Team for Learning Disability to develop a Programme to assist with the implementation of the joint strategy for people with learning disabilities and with Enable Services for the extension of day services in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to and the need for the Partnerships; (2) detailing the priority services to be developed, and (3) advising of the costs which would be met from resource transfer from Lanarkshire Health Board, with a contribution, if appropriate, from resource transfer from Greater Glasgow Health Board.

Decided: that the developments outlined within the report be approved.

CUMBERNAULD SOCIAL EDUCATION CENTRE - PROPOSED RELOCATION

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 February 1997 by the Director of Social Work proposing the relocation of Cumbernauld Social Education Centre (1) detailing the background to the service provided; (2) outlining that the three properties currently in use in Alder Road, Cedar Road and Stoneylee Road, Cumbernauld were no longer suitable to meet the needs of the clients; (3) intimating that property at 1/3 South Wardpark Place, Wardpark South, Cumbernauld, would

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be an adequate short term replacement and was available for lease, and (4) informing that adaptations would be required, the costs of which would be met from the Capital Budget and the rental be negotiated by the Director of Planning and Development.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposal to relocate this service to Wardpark Place, Cumbernauld be approved;
- (2) that the negotiation of the Lease and securing of agreement for alterations with the Landlord be remitted to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee;
- (3) that the existing premises at Alder Road, Cedar Road and Stoneylee Road be declared surplus to requirements, subject to successful negotiations being concluded for Wardpark Place, Cumbernauld and that the matter be remitted to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee, and
- (4) that the Sub-Committee visit the new premises once operational.

UPRATING OF APPROVED NURSING RESIDENTIAL HOME RATES FOR 1997/98

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 February 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the uprating of the Council's rates for voluntary and private and residential care homes, in line with Department of Social Security (DSS) benefit upratings for 1997/98 (1) detailing the DSS residential rates; (2) intimating the Council approved rates for private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes, and (3) proposing that the standard weekly client contribution for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes be £104.35.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the uprated levels of DSS residential care allowances which would apply from 7 April 1997 be approved;
- (3) that the payment of the Very Dependent Elderly rate for all elderly people and people with a mental health problem in private/voluntary residential care funded in part or in full by the Council with effect from 7 April 1997 be approved, and
- (4) that a standard charge of £104.35 per week for the client contribution for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes be approved.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL AND DAY CARE ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH NORTH LANARKSHIRE

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of this Sub-Committee held on 3 July 1996, when arrangements for setting new Supplementation rates for Organisations within the North Lanarkshire

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were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 February 1997 by the Director of Social Work setting out Supplementation Rate Increases for Registered Residential and Day Care Establishments outwith North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the new rates as detailed within Appendix 1 to this report be approved.

BELLSHILL AREA OFFICE

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding accommodation at Bellshill Social Work Area Office (1) outlining the background to the Area Office accommodation; (2) advising that a small shop unit had now become available and would solve all the outstanding accommodation issues, and (3) proposing that the Director of Planning and Development enter into negotiations for the assignation of the lease.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposal to enter into negotiations for the lease of the shop unit in Emma Jay Road, Bellshill be approved, and
- (2) that this report be remitted to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee.