

AGENDA ITEM No. 7**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL****REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Acquisition of Replacement Premises for Wishaw Area Team
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 11 March 1997	
REF: JD/RP/JRP/MD	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee on the current position regarding acquisition of replacement premises for Wishaw Area Team.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Social Work Committee on the 6 August 1996 it was agreed in principle to relocate the Wishaw Area Team from its current premises in Roberts Street. It was also agreed that Construction Services would carry out a feasibility study of the property in King Street, owned by the Cambusnethan Confectionery Company.

In the meantime, a temporary lease of three rooms in this property was agreed to alleviate the overcrowding in Roberts Street and these are currently occupied by staff from the Wishaw Area Team.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

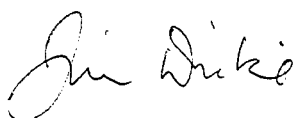
Discussions between the Social Work Department, Construction Services and the owners of the property have identified that the Area Team could be accommodated within the building, occupying approximately 15,000 square feet.

A specification has been prepared and a final planned layout of the building is being completed. It is therefore proposed that Planning and Development Department negotiate the lease subject to the final measurement of the property. The property at Roberts Street would then be declared surplus to requirements of the Social Work Department.

There is currently a day centre which operates on the ground floor of Roberts Street and it is proposed to relocate the service to Stewarton House. A further report will be brought to Committee regarding this proposal.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- ♦ To approve the proposal to relocate the Wishaw Area Team to the premises in King Street owned by the Cambusnethan Confectionery Company
- ♦ To remit the matter to the Planning and Development (Building and Property) Sub Committee with a request that the Head of Economic Development and Property negotiate the lease of the premises.



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