

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB - 9 April 1997

Motherwell, 9 April 1997 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Beekman, Chadha, Cox, Craig, Gordon, Lunny, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, W. Martin, Provost Mathieson and Robertson.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer and Head of Social Work Resources.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Leitch and Saunders.

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated March 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 been approved New Registrations and/or Changes to the Registration of Individual Establishments, details of which were appended to the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting this Sub-Committee held on 19 February when, inter alia, it had been noted progress in establishing social care contracting within North Lanarkshire Council, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated March 1997 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that work was progressing on a standard pre-placement "call off" contract for residential care and Nursing Home establishments for the elderly; (2) advising that no new services required a contract to date; (3) intimating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for four individuals, and (4) advising that all current contracted providers for Nursing Homes and Residential Care Homes for the Elderly have been notified of the uprating in line with Department of Social Security (DSS) increases for 1997/98 with effect from 7 April 1997.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

DEVELOPMENT OF VERY SHELTERED HOUSING IN WISHAW - ROLE OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTS

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated March 1997 by the Directors of Social Work and Housing (1) advising of the management and funding arrangements concerning the development of a Very Sheltered Housing Complex in Stewarton Street, Wishaw due for completion by October 1997; (2) advising that the project is being developed and will be managed by Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association; (3) informing that a steering group comprising of representatives from Social Work and Housing Departments, Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association and Lanarkshire Health Care NHS Trust will oversee the project's operational development, and (4) intimating that Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association had requested that the Social Work Department provide a one-off contribution to cover the initial costs of Project Manager and other staff up to £8,371 and the cost of exceptional voids, if any, for the first year which will be calculated at the costs over and above normal void rates up to a maximum of £9,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Social Work Department provide a one-off contribution to Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association to cover initial staff costs up to £8,371;
- (3) that the Social Work Department contribute to Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association to cover the costs of exceptional voids, if any, for the first year paid at a level which would recover lost revenue up to a maximum of £9,000;
- (4) that the approach of encouraging the development of very sheltered housing within North Lanarkshire be endorsed, and
- (5) that a visit to the Complex be organised for the Sub-Committee Members when appropriate.

STANDARD CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1997 the Director of Social Work regarding the uprating of standard charges in respect of residential accommodation operated by the Council for elderly people and people with learning disabilities in line with COSLA issued guidelines; (1) advising that the standard charge contribution of a resident would be based on a financial assessment of the clients ability to pay as determined by legislation; (2) proposing charges for long term care per week per resident in a residential home for the elderly for 1997/98 of £309, charges per week for residential homes for people with learning disabilities for 1997/98 of £452, standard weekly client contribution for respite care in local authority establishments for 1997/98 of £48.35.

Decided:

- (1) that the standard weekly client contribution for long terms care for the elderly for 1997/98 be set at £309;
 - (2) that the standard weekly client contribution for people with learning disabilities in local authority residential homes for 1997/98 be set at £452, and
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- (3) that the flat rate weekly client contribution towards the costs of respite care in local authority establishments for 1997/98 be set at £48.35.

UPLIFT OF SUPPLEMENTATION RATES FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN 1997/98

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 March 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the uprating of the Council's rates paid per client week for registered residential or day care establishments in the voluntary sector in North Lanarkshire (1) proposing that the employee costs be uplifted in line with inflationary increases agreed by Council wage awards for 1997/98 and non-staff costs uplifted in line with Retail Price Index and met by efficiency savings of equivalent value to be achieved by the voluntary organisations; (2) intimating that all new rates would be effective from 1 April 1997 and each organisation reviewed to determine if any adjustments were necessary, and (3) indicating that the increased cost of the process would be met from within the Social Work Budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the opposed rule for uplifting rates for 1997/98 as detailed in the report be approved, and
- (2) that the proposed process for uplifting rates as detailed in the report be approved.