

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB - 6 August 1997

Motherwell, 6 August 1997 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Beekman, Brooks, Chadha, Craig, Leitch, Lunny, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, W. Martin, Murphy, Robertson and Saunders.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development and Head of Social Work Resources.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Gordon, H. McGuigan and Wallace.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 28 May 1997 when, inter alia, progress in establishing social care contracting within North Lanarkshire Council had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated July 1997 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that as a standard pre-placement "call-off" contract for residential care in Nursing Homes for the elderly had been finalised, the contract in standard form would be concluded as appropriate, with details of contracts signed being reported to future meetings; (2) informing that Lanarkshire Health Board had indicated that no new nursing homes required to be included within the contractual framework, and (3) intimating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for four individuals.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THE AUTHORITY

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 28 May 1997, when the arrangements for setting out Supplementation Rates Increases for Establishments outwith this Authority were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 July 1997 by the Director of Social Work setting out further Supplementation Rate Increases for Establishments outwith the Authority.

Decided: to note the new Supplementation Rate Increases as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

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CHEST, HEART AND STROKE, SCOTLAND - REQUEST FOR JOINT FUNDING

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 July 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding a request for joint funding from Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland to establish a post of Stroke Club Support Worker for North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to and the need for the post to be established in North Lanarkshire; (2) advising that the organisation wished to establish a similar post in South Lanarkshire; (3) intimating that the post would be established for 20 hours per week over a three year period and accountable to the Director of Development, Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland; (4) indicating that the total cost of £12,000 per annum would be shared equally with Lanarkshire Health Board and the Council for three years, and (5) indicating that this funding would be available from the Care Element Transfer Budget.

Decided: that funding of £6,000 for the post for Stroke Club Support Worker as a joint funded proposal with Lanarkshire Health Board be approved.

TRANSFER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ADVISORY CENTRE TO SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 July 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the transfer of the Unemployed Persons Advisory Centre from Personnel Services Division of the Administration Department to the Social Work Department (1) outlining the background to the work carried out by the Centre; (2) intimating that as the work of the Centre overlapped with the Employment and Redundancy Support Unit, it would be appropriate to transfer the Centre to the Social Work Department; (3) intimating that on transfer, all staff would be fully absorbed by the Social Work Department, with the service provided by the Centre being integrated into the existing Social Work Services; (4) indicating that the Director of Social Work would report to a future meeting regarding the use of the property at present occupied by the Centre, and (5) informing that the budget of £45,000 would transfer from the Personnel Services Section of the Administration Department to the Social Work Department.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given that the Unemployed Persons Advisory Centre services be transferred to the Social Work Department and integrated into the existing Social Work Services;
- (2) that approval be given that the Unemployed Persons Advisory Centre budget provision of £45,000 per annum be transferred to the Social Work Department and that the Personnel Services Committee be advised accordingly;
- (3) that staff employed at the Unemployed Persons Advisory Centre, as agreed between Personnel Services Division and Social Work Department be transferred to the Social Work Department, and
- (4) that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

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PROPERTY SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS - 8 WILLOW DRIVE, CRAIGNEUK, AIRDRIE

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding property at 8 Willow Drive, Craigneuk, Airdrie which the Social Work Department wished to declare surplus to requirements (1) indicating that the property had been considered for use as a Neighbourhood Centre, and (2) intimating that as there already was a Neighbourhood Centre in Craigneuk, Airdrie, the Social Work Department now wished to declare these premises surplus to requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the premises at 8 Willow Drive, Craigneuk, Airdrie, be declared surplus to requirements, and
- (2) that this report be referred to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee for its consideration.

PROPERTY SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS - VIEWPARK INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT CENTRE - STRIP OF LAND

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 July, 1997 by the Director of Social Work advising that Moss Homes Ltd who were intending to develop adjoining land at Viewpark I.T. Centre, 135 New Edinburgh Road, Viewpark for housebuilding had expressed an interest in acquiring a strip of land extending to 25.535 square metres or thereby to meet a planning requirement for sight lines and indicating that the land could be declared surplus to requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the strip of land extending to 25.535 square metres or thereby at the Viewpark Intermediate Treatment Centre, 135 New Edinburgh Road, Uddingston, be declared surplus to requirements of the Social Work Department;
- (2) that the matter be remitted to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee for its consideration with the recommendation that the feasibility of acquiring properties within the proposed development for the use of people with special needs, in exchange for the land, be explored.