

Motherwell, 17 February 1998 at 11 am.

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Beekman, Chadha, Cox, Gordon, Lunny, J. McGuigan, W. Martin, Murphy, Robertson and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources, Principal Officer (Planning and Development) and Principal Officer (Community Care).

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Leitch, McCulloch and H. McGuigan.

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registration of 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 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 January 1998 when, inter alia, progress in establishing social care contracting within North Lanarkshire Council had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the standard contract format for registered residential services funded through maintenance rates was currently being finalised; (2) informing that two further standard contract formats, for day services and registered residential respite services, were currently being considered by the Head of Legal Services; (3) indicating that the remaining standard contract formats required for social care were near completion; (4) intimating that Lanarkshire Health Board had indicated that no new nursing homes required to be included within the contractual framework, and (5) advising that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for one individual.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES - UPDATE**

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of this Sub-Committee held on 6 January 1998 when, inter alia, approval had been given to a revised List of Authorised Providers of Social Care Services, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Director of Social Work in respect of further amendments to the list of Authorised Providers (1) advising that the exercise to establish a computerised database of Authorised Providers of Social Services would be completed by 28 February 1998; and (2) detailing, within Appendix 1 to the report, two further Providers of registered residential services to be included on the list of Authorised Providers.

**Decided:** that approval be given to include the Providers listed in Appendix 1 to the report, to the Council's revised list of Authorised Providers of Social Care Services.

**"THE NATURE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SCOTTISH HOMES CONTRIBUTION TO CARE IN THE COMMUNITY IN SCOTLAND" - AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH REPORT COMMISSIONED BY SCOTTISH HOMES**

4. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Directors of Social Work and Housing in respect of a report entitled "The Nature and Effectiveness of Scottish Homes Contribution to Care in the Community in Scotland" carried out by Cardiff and Heriot Watt Universities and commissioned by Scottish Homes (1) outlining the background to and the objectives of the report; (2) intimating that the report concluded that on a national scale Scottish Homes was presently not meeting its stated policy objectives; (3) advising of ways in which Scottish Homes could improve its community care performance, and (4) detailing the issues which Scottish Homes should address jointly with North Lanarkshire Council.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the Directors of Social Work and Housing

- (1) to continue to work in partnership with Scottish Homes to progress the issues identified within the report, and
- (2) to jointly respond to Scottish Homes on the basis of the comments contained within the report.

**COMMUNITY CARE PLANNING: TIMESCALES CIRCULAR SWSG 35/97**

5. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Directors of Social Work and Housing in respect of the contents of the Scottish Office Circular SWSG 35/97 on Community Care Planning (1) outlining the background to the joint production of Community Care Plans by Councils and Health Boards which covered a three year period, subject to annual review; (2) indicating that the Circular had intimated that the date of issue of the Plans had been moved from 1 April to 30 June 1998, which allowed the Plans to reflect the content of Scottish Homes' 3-Year Regional Plans and the Housing Plan; (3) intimating that the consultation period on the Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan had been extended to 28 February 1998; (4) proposing that the final Plan be issued in accordance with the timescale set out in the Circular, and (5) advising that further work would be necessary to update purchasing intentions to cover the period 1998-2001, and be subject to further consultation with providers during May 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY - PROGRESS REPORT ON ROLE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of this Sub-Committee held on 19 February 1997 when, *inter alia*, approval had been given for £25,000 to be spent on training and development initiatives in learning disabilities with the National Development Team acting as consultants there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 February 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding the role of the National Development Team in the development of a learning disability strategy in North Lanarkshire advising that the cost of the future development input from the Team would be met from Lanarkshire Health Board funding and the use of recurring monies in respect of learning disability transferred from the Board with no financial implications for any other part of the Social Work budget.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

#### ORAL HEALTH STRATEGY FOR GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD - CONSULTATION PAPER

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding a consultation paper from Greater Glasgow Health Board covering the oral health strategy in the Greater Glasgow area (1) outlining the background to and the aims and objectives of the consultation document; (2) intimating that the Greater Glasgow area had one of the poorest levels of dental health for both adults and children in the United Kingdom, with the highest rates of disease being found in the most disadvantaged areas; (3) detailing a series of local priorities among which is the incorporation of dental issues into the Joint Community Care Plan, and (4) advising that the consultation paper indicated (a) that children with special needs should be identified and monitored from an early age; (b) that older people being discharged into the community should have a dental care plan; (c) that people in residential and nursing home care required to be offered at least an annual check-up, and (d) that staff in homes and long stay hospital accommodation, needed to be trained in oral hygiene practices.

Decided: that the contents of the consultation paper be noted.

#### LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY CARE FORUM - EVALUATION AND FUNDING REVIEW

8. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the Social Work Committee held on 19 August 1997 when, *inter alia*, approval had been given to award £14,167 to the Lanarkshire Community Care Forum for 1997/98, and that the Director of Social Work prepare a report on the outcome of a review of the Forum for a future meeting, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 1998 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that a joint review of the structure and remit of the Lanarkshire Community Care Forum had now taken place; (2) intimating that the two main areas of concern for this Council, were the effectiveness of the Forum as an organisation for users and carers and a lack of a clear focus for work in North Lanarkshire; (3) indicating that part of the reason for the low level of work in North Lanarkshire had been that the Social Work Department had not made significant demands on the Forum because of perceived limitations in the Forum's current operational capacity; (4) informing that North Lanarkshire Council was fully committed to the development and support of effective user and carer organisations and wished

to ensure that appropriate structures were in place; (5) detailing the outcome and the conclusions of the review, in which the Forum had agreed that it would operate as a representative body for users and carers only; (6) advising that the Forum intended to apportion workers' time more clearly between North and South Lanarkshire, and (7) proposing that an interim funding arrangement be made to maintain the current work of the Forum until the Council and the Health Board considered options for user and carer support in North Lanarkshire.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council's commitment to developing the most effective support arrangements for users and carers in North Lanarkshire be reaffirmed;
- (2) that the current tripartite funding arrangements to allow the reappraisal of options in North Lanarkshire at a cost of £7,084 be continued until 30 September 1998;
- (3) that further discussions to appraise the options for North and South Lanarkshire be held with the Health Board and South Lanarkshire, and
- (4) that the Director of Social Work
  - (a) seek the views of North Lanarkshire based organisations and groups in order to establish options for the future;
  - (b) indicate to the Forum that its funding beyond September 1998 would be contingent upon an appraisal of its proposals along with other available options to provide user and carer support, and
  - (c) bring forward to a future Committee, a report on proposals for the establishment and support of user and carer networks in North Lanarkshire.