

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee Housing Committee Education Committee	Subject: REVIEW OF JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN AND ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF SW COMMITTEE: 8th June 1999 DATE OF HOUSING COMMITTEE: 16th June 1999 DATE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 15th June 1999	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee about the arrangements to carry out a review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan (1998-2001) and the Accommodation Strategy. The report has been produced in consultation with the Directors of Housing and Education.

2 REVIEW OF THE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

- 2.1 North Lanarkshire published a Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy for 1998 - 2001 and now requires to prepare the first annual review.
- 2.2 The Scottish Office Circular (SWSG 35/97) sets out guidance on the new time scales for the preparation and publication of community care plans and also provides guidance on a revised planning cycle. This guidance sets out a framework for annually reviewing joint community care plans. The timescale for completing the review is the end of June 1999.
- 2.3 The June 1999 annual update of the Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy will confirm and update the progress, or otherwise, of the care group section action plans. The review will also provide details on North Lanarkshire Council's community care purchasing intentions over the next 3 years.
- 2.4 The review will be arranged in such a way that all joint planning partners will participate thus ensuring a comprehensive and integrated review.
- 2.5 Lanarkshire Community Care Forum have established a North Lanarkshire Steering Group and members of this group have participated in meetings and discussions looking in detail at the action plans and commenting on priorities and issues for consideration in the final review.

- 2.6 The contents of the summary document will be shared with a range of organisations with an interest in this field of activity.

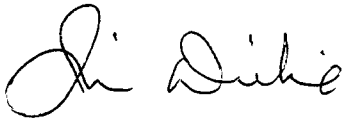
3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 As with earlier publications of the Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy agreement to share the costs of printing and distributing the Review has been reached. It is proposed that the final document will be prepared in a similar format to the Summary edition of the Joint Community Care Plan. It is also proposed that 5000 copies be ordered and the approximate cost of printing/publishing will be £1000 to be shared equally by North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Health Board and Scottish Homes. Monies will be met from within existing Social Work budgets.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee is asked to :

- (i) endorse the approach set out in this report and;
- (ii) agree to meet the costs of publishing the Review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy.



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