

**Motherwell, 28 September 1999 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES)**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Cassidy, Chadha, Curley, Gordon, Irvine, Lafferty, H. McGuigan, McLaughlin, Morris and Robertson.

**CHAIR**

In terms of Standing Order No. 11 Councillor H McGuigan was appointed to the Chair

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Officer; Director of Social Work; Principal Officer, Community Care; Principal Officer, Criminal Justice and Area Manager, Coatbridge.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Ross, Selfridge, Shaw and Valentine.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES - GRANT ALLOCATION 1999/2000**

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 February 1999 when it was agreed that the contents of the 3 year Strategic Plan for Criminal Justice Social Work Services be submitted to the Scottish Office, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 August 1999 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that within the Criminal Justice Strategic Plan bids were made for the development of nine areas of service; (2) advising that the Scottish Executive had agreed funding for (a) Development of Bail Services - £40,000; (b) Development of Addiction Services - £40,000; (c) Development of Services for Young People at Risk - £35,000, and (d) Work with High Risk Sex Offenders -£18,000; (3) intimating that the Scottish Executive had not decided on the allocation of grant in five other areas of service; (4) indicating that some of the grants had been less than the bids submitted and revised proposals were now being prepared, and (5) informing that the Director of Social Work intended to review the structure of criminal justice services once the overall level of funding was clear and to bring forward proposals to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the level of grant allocation for Criminal Justice Services be noted;
- (2) that revised proposals for spending of development monies be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that the outcome of the wider review of criminal justice services be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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### LOCAL HEALTH CARE CO-OPERATIVES

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 August 1999 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that a report on the role of Local Health Care Co-operatives in North Lanarkshire be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 September 1999 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress to date on the development of Local Health Care Co-operatives in North Lanarkshire (1) detailing the current position with regard to the five Health Care Co-operatives in North Lanarkshire which were broadly consistent with Social Work Department Area Team Boundaries; (2) advising of the progress to date in developing the partnerships within each Local Health Care Co-operative, and (3) intimating that the Director of Social Work intended to convene a meeting of representatives from all Local Health Care Co-operatives in North Lanarkshire to consider how the agencies could work together to plan, deliver and co-ordinate health and social care services.

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

### CHILD PROTECTION PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 1999 by the Director of Social Work providing information and statistics on Child Protection in North Lanarkshire for the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999 (1) advising that it was the responsibility of the Multi Agency Child Protection Committee to consider patterns and trends in statistical information for children referred to or on the child protection register; (2) detailing in Section 3.1 of the report the principles which underlie the approach to child protection; (3) setting out in Section 3.2 of the report comments applicable to the statistics provided in the Appendix to the report, and (4) intimating that North Lanarkshire Council was still operating within its target of referrals and registrations and that work would continue to ensure that judgements and decisions taken were consistent over the authority.

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

### LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN - PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 1999 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that statistical information on Looked After and Accommodated Children was used to establish how effective the Council's Family Support Strategy was in supporting vulnerable children remaining in their own homes; (2) setting out in the Appendix to the report a breakdown of the total number of children accommodated for the year 1998/99; (3) advising that the Council intended to increase the number of foster carers in order to increase the percentage of children who were placed in foster care at their first placement, particularly teenagers, and (4) indicating that the figures for North Lanarkshire Council newly accommodated children in the year 1998/99 were consistent with that of other local authorities.

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

### FOSTER CARE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 1999 by the Director of Social Work regarding the formation of a Foster Care Consultative Group (1) outlining the background to the establishment of the Foster Care Consultative Group; (2) setting out in the Appendix to the report the Constitution of the Foster Care Consultative Group, and (3) intimating that funding of up to £300 would be provided from the Social Work Budget to meet the administrative costs of the operation of the Group.

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

**DEMENTIA DAY CARE CENTRE - EAST STEWART GARDENS, COATDYKE, COATBRIDGE**

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 1999 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress made in the transfer of a Day Care Resource for people with dementia to a new purpose built unit in Coatdyke, Coatbridge and of plans for further development of the resource to provide for younger people with early onset dementia (1) outlining the background to the Department's provision of Day Care Resource for people with dementia; (2) intimating that a partnership project involving the Council, Scottish Homes and Bield Housing Association which had recently completed a development of 27 various sheltered units in East Stewart Gardens, Coatdyke, Coatbridge also contained a separately commissioned Day Care Unit for people with dementia; (3) intimating that the Day Care Resource Service provided at Merrystone House, Coatbridge had relocated to East Stewart Gardens, Coatdyke, Coatbridge, and (4) setting out plans for further development of the service for younger people with early onset dementia.

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