

**EXCERPT OF MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMITTEE HELD ON
26 AUGUST 1999****NORTH LANARKSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW 1999**

14. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 26 August 1999 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that in terms of the Children's (Scotland) Act 1995 the first North Lanarkshire Council Children's Service Plan had been published in 1998 and covers a three year period till 2001; (2) proposing that an annual review be undertaken in order to monitor progress made towards fulfilling the commitments contained in the Plan; (3) outlining the contents of the review which has three sections namely "Promoting the Well Being of Children and Young People", "Children in Need" and "Tell Us What You Think"; (4) intimating that the commitments identified in the review were funded through existing resources; (5) reporting that some of the proposed developments might have staffing and personnel implications for partners and that this will be the subject of separate reports to the appropriate Service Committees, and (6) detailing the cost of printing and distributing 5,000 copies of the Review which totals £5,557 and which will be shared between the relevant Departments.

Decided:

- (1) that the Children's Service Annual Review 1999 be approved;
- (2) that the cost for the printing and distribution of the Children's Service Annual Review 1999 which totals £5,557 be approved, and
- (3) that the Children's Services Plan Annual Review 1999 be remitted to all departmental Service Committees for information.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Social Inclusion Committee	Subject: North Lanarkshire Children's Services Plan Annual Review 1999	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 26 August 1999	Ref: CD/02/CHILDSP	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for the North Lanarkshire Children's Services Plan Annual Review 1999.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The first North Lanarkshire Council Children's Service Plan was published in 1998 and covers a three year period till 2001. The Plan is a requirement under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- 2.2 To monitor progress made towards fulfilling the commitments contained in the Plan, it is proposed that an Annual review is published. The Review informs members, Council Departments, other service providers, voluntary organisations and the wider public of the progress made towards the objectives of the Plan.

3.0 Children's Service Plan Annual Review 1999

- 3.1 The Review reports on progress made in the first year of the Children's Services Plan 1998-2001. The scope of the Review is wide ranging. The document has two main elements. Firstly, 'Promoting The Well Being Of Children And Young People'. This covers services and universal issues for all children and young people up to 16 years in North Lanarkshire and includes:

- Values and principles underpinning service delivery;
- Key points of the Children Act (Scotland) 1995;
- A profile on the needs of children in North Lanarkshire;
- Current and future expenditure on children's services;
- Assessment and care planning;
- Health (including mental health and substance misuse);
- Learning and development (including early years);
- Children's safety;
- Social Inclusion;
- Children's rights; and
- Access to information and advice.

3.2 Secondly, 'Children In Need' is concerned with services to a smaller number of children and young people who have a need for care, attention and support due to their individual circumstances. This includes young people who are in need of particular support aged up to 21 years such as:

- Children and young people with and affected by a disability;
- Children in need of protection and family support;
- Children and young people who need to be looked after and accommodated;
- Young people aged 16 years and over; and
- Young people in need of guidance and support.

3.3 There is a 'Tell Us What You Think' section to let readers provide comments on the Review.

4.0 Financial and Personnel Implications

- 4.1 All identified commitments in the Review are funded through existing resources. The sources of funding have been identified to meet expenditure. Approval will be sought from respective service committees as new developments are progressed.
- 4.2 Some of the proposed developments in the Review have staffing and personnel implications for the major planning partners. Separate reports will be brought to the respective service committees for approval on a project by project basis.
- 4.3 The costs involved of printing and distributing 5,000 copies of the Review is £5,557. Costs will be shared by relevant Council departments.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Social Inclusion Committee is requested to:
- i) approve the Children's Service Annual Review 1999; and
 - ii) approve costs for the printing and distribution of the Review and
 - iii) remit Children Service's Plan Review 1999 to Departmental Service Committee's.


Chief Executive

This plan has previously been circulated to Members under separate cover.