

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Lanarkshire Drug Service
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Social Work Committee of an offer from the Lanarkshire Drug Service, to convene a half day seminar, to brief Members and Officers of the Council on the work and operation of the service.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Lanarkshire Drug Service has been operational since 1998 it is a body established by Lanarkshire Health Board to bring into effect a range of measures to tackle drug misuse in Lanarkshire.
- 2.2 Officers from the Social Work Department have regular contact with the Lanarkshire Drug Service and are aware of the range and extent of the work which is undertaken in Lanarkshire. It is felt that it would be useful for members to familiarise themselves with this work.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The offer by Lanarkshire Drug Service to provide a briefing session to North Lanarkshire Council will not result in the Council incurring any expenditure to meet the cost of the seminar. The location of the seminar can be arranged to take place within the Council offices or if members prefer at another suitable venue.
- 3.2 The Social Work Department believes that the offer of the briefing is a positive development, one which will be beneficial to members, providing an insight into the range of services which are provided to people who misuse drugs with a view to achieving a significant drop in the harm reduction figures for Lanarkshire. It is therefore recommended that the Social Work Committee accept the offer made by the Lanarkshire Drug Service.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Committee is requested to :

- i) Accept the offer made by the Lanarkshire Drug Service.
- ii) To authorise the Director of Social Work to arrange in consultation with the Lanarkshire Drug Service a suitable time and location for the event.
- iii) To otherwise note the report.



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