

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Joint Funded Addiction Counsellor - Northern Corridor
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 25 January 2000	
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REF: JD/GMcI/DH	

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to appoint a part-time Addiction Counsellor to cover the Northern Corridor area of the Council.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report on Addiction Services to the Social Work Committee on 30 March 1999 intimated that Greater Glasgow Health Board had offered to provide match funding to resource a part-time (50%) post of an Addiction Counsellor to work in the Chryston/Moodiesburn area of the Council.
- 2.2 This report brings forward detailed proposals for implementation of the proposal.

3 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 Agreement has now been reached with Greater Glasgow Health Board on the management arrangements for the jointly funded post referred to at paragraph 2.1. It is proposed to fill the post as soon as possible, in order to provide a more accessible service to the communities in the Northern Corridor area.
- 3.2 Whilst the post will cover the area which falls within the Greater Glasgow Health Board catchment boundaries, the post holder will be managed by the Airdrie Addiction Service Project Leader. This arrangement has been agreed with Greater Glasgow Health Board.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

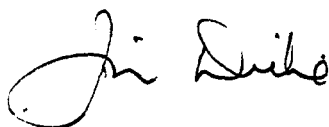
- 4.1 Greater Glasgow Health Board will contribute £8,000 towards the cost of this position. The match funding element of the overall costs is contained within the Social Work budget for 1999/2000.

5 PERSONNEL IMPLICATION

- 5.1 The proposed grade for this post is AP2/3 which is in line with the grades of similar posts within the authority. Should it become necessary for the post holder to work irregular hours, a report requesting the appropriate payment for such work will be submitted to Committee for approval.
- 5.2 The proposed arrangements have been discussed with the Head of Personnel Services.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Committee is requested to:
- i) Approve the implementation arrangements outlined in the report.
 - ii) Remit the report to the Personnel Services Committee for its approval of the appointment.



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