

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB – 22 February 2000

Motherwell, 22 February 2000 at 11 am.

**A Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND
ADMINISTRATION) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Gordon, Lunny, McElroy, J. McGuigan and J. Martin.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources, Principal Officer (Planning and Development) and Principal Officer (Welfare Rights).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Devine, Jones, Love, McCabe, H. McGuigan, McKinlay, Saunders, Shields and Stocks.

**REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS: NEW REGISTRATIONS AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF
CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act, 1987, there had been approved two new registrations and/or changes to registration of establishments, details of which were appended to the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when progress in establishing Social Care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that there were no new registered residential services which required a contract with this Council and no new Nursing Home services which required a contract with Lanarkshire Health Board; (2) indicating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith the Council for 2 individuals to accommodate client choice as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, and (3) advising that (a) a contract with a standard letter of agreement and revised specifications had been signed with Richmond Fellowship Scotland Chryston Project and Monklands Association of Voluntary Services, and (b) a non-standard contract had been signed by the Council with the Hesley Group Organisation for residential services at Hesley Village College, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

Decided: that the terms of the report be approved.

USE OF PRIVATE HOME CARE SERVICES

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that monitoring reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee on the use of Private Home Care Services in North Lanarkshire, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that private home care was used by clients (a) who were entitled to funding from the Independent Living Fund (ILF) and/or Independent Living Service (ILS), and (b) whose assessed needs could not be met by the Council; (2) intimating that as at December 1999, 94 people were receiving services from private home providers in North Lanarkshire, 66 of which were referred directly by the Council and 28 were ILF/ILS funded; (3) setting out in the Appendices to the report details of those providers who had been the subject of monitoring visits between October and December 1999, and (4) indicating that the standard home care contract placed an obligation on providers to produce quarterly monitoring reports to the Council and that this information together with the Council's own monitoring would be subject of a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

BLUE TRIANGLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON - REVIEW OF CURRENT SERVICE

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the review of service provision by Blue Triangle Housing Association Limited at Viewpark, Uddingston (1) outlining the background to the funding arrangements and services provided by Blue Triangle Housing Association Limited at Viewpark, Uddingston; (2) detailing the outcome of the review of services at Viewpark; (3) proposing (a) that the Viewpark Accommodation Unit should continue to provide accommodation for up to 12 young people funded solely from Housing Benefit, and (b) that a project be developed to provide a Support Service to Sustain Tenancies and Other Accommodation to Young People in North Lanarkshire (SUSTAYN); (4) advising that the revised services would be operational from April 2000; (5) providing details of the services which would be provided to young people by the SUSTAYN Project, and (6) indicating that the service provided in the Accommodation Unit would be funded from Housing Benefit and the SUSTAYN Project would be funded from the Social Work Supplementation Budget at a cost of £100,000 per annum.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised services provided at the Viewpark Accommodation Unit and the SUSTAYN project and the relevant funding as detailed in the report be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services Committee for information.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING DISABILITY JOINT STRATEGY - PROGRESS REPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

5. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 February 1999 when, *inter alia*, the progress made on the implementation of supported living arrangements for people with learning disabilities was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for development priorities in the next phase of the programme (1) indicating that 29 people with a significant learning disability were now living in their own tenancy; (2) advising that (a) a joint strategy framework had now been developed through a process of consultation with people with learning disabilities and their carers, and (b) a proposed action plan would be published for consultation at the end of March 2000; (3) detailing (a) the joint planning arrangements with the Health Board and the NHS Trust which would include the continued secondment of a member of staff within the Housing Department, and (b) the development priorities for 2000/2001 which would ensure that steady progress was made in the implementation of

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initiatives already underway; (4) proposing that three further projects be undertaken in 2000/2001 Neighbourhood Networks, Adult Family Placement Services and New Partnerships with Families, and (5) detailing in Section 7 of the report the financial implications for the future strategies and development proposals.

Decided:

- (1) that the priorities proposed and detailed in the report for the next stage of the Implementation of the Learning Disability Strategy be approved;
- (2) that the funding proposals and financial implications set out in Section 7 of the report be approved and noted;
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services Committee for approval in relation to the continued secondment of a member of staff within the Housing Department funded by Lanarkshire Health Board, and
- (4) that the report be remitted to the Social Inclusion Committee for its interest.

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL WELFARE (VAMW) HOMES - DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL LIVING SERVICE

6. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when (1) maintenance rates for VAMW Homes were approved, and (2) the proposed development of a supported living project by VAMW entitled "Potential Living Service" was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising of the development of a service by VAMW Homes to support people in their own homes and seeking approval for the allocation of funding for the Project (1) outlining the background to the development of supported living services by the Council over the past two years; (2) intimating that (a) the Potential Living Service at VAMW Homes had now been set up in consultation with the Council, and (b) it was proposed that the Council would refer people to the project from other sources, such as long stay hospital care, and (3) informing that (a) the core cost of the service was £58,200 with care costs of £9.03 per hour, and (b) funding for the service had been identified through resource transfer from Lanarkshire Health Board.

Decided: that the allocation of £58,200 with care costs of £9.03 per hour to VAMW Homes for the Potential Living Service be approved with effect from 1 April 2000.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE - PROGRESS TO DATE

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising of progress in the Council's Supported Employment Initiative.

Decided: that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Social Work Committee for consideration.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when the level of overtime worked by Officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 8 November to 5 December was noted, there was submitted a further report (docketed) dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 6 December 1999 to 30 January 2000 and paid at SCP35.
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Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for its interest.

ABSENCE MONITORING

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 February 2000 by Director of Social Work regarding the levels of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department in January 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

PROPERTY SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS - 38, 40, 42 AND 48-52 ROBERT STREET, WISHAW

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work intimating that the properties at 38, 40, 42 and 48-52 Robert Street, Wishaw were surplus to the requirements of the Social Work Department.

Decided:

- (1) that the properties at 38, 40, 42 and 48-52 Robert Street, Wishaw be declared surplus to the requirements of the Social Work Department, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Housing and Property Services (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATES FOR 1999/2000 FOR SERVICES RUN BY ENABLE HOMES (CUMBERNAULD)

11. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 24 August 1999 when, *inter alia*, it had been noted that individual reviews on registered residential or day care establishments in the voluntary sector would be carried out and further proposals would be subject to a further report to Committee, there was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work setting a final rate for residential care services provided by Enable Homes at their establishments in Craigieburn Road, Rose Street and Stoneylee Road, Cumbernauld (1) advising that the Council had completed the review of services for the three projects and had identified that adjustments were required to the funding of the projects with regard to sleepover, public holiday cover, occupancy and additional costs, and (2) proposing that the supplementation rate for the three projects be set as detailed below:-

Name of Establishment	New Rate Per Week £	Effective Date
Craigieburn Road, Cumbernauld	510.74	1 April 1999
Rose Street, Cumbernauld	445.89	1 April 1999
Stoneylee Road, Cumbernauld	498.43	1 April 1999

Decided: that the supplementation rates, as detailed heretofore be approved.

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

12. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 31 March 1998 when, inter alia, it was agreed to carefully monitor expenditure on the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project and that periodic progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 February 2000 by the Director of Housing and Property Services intimating that as at 31 December 1999 the project had 340 clients and 126 building cases complete or in the process, and of that 80% of the clients were over 65 years of age and over 85% had a disability.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.