

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Increase in Adoption Allowances, Foster Allowances, Link Carers Allowances and Shared Care Payments for 2000/2001
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek committee approval for increased Adoption Allowances, Fostering Allowances, Link Carers Allowances and Shared Care Payments to be paid in 2000/2001.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council has increased the above allowances each year in line with the increase recommended by COSLA in respect of Foster Care Payments.

2.2 COSLA has recommended that payments for 2000/2001 be increased by 2.1% in line with inflation.

3 RATES PROPOSED FOR 2000/2001

Implementing the COSLA recommendation would result in the following rates being paid by North Lanarkshire Council.

3.1 Adoption Allowances

Ages	Weekly Rate <u>1999/2000</u>	Proposed Rate <u>2000/2001</u>
0 - 4	£ 57.13	£ 58.33
5-10	£ 70.89	£ 72.38
11-15	£ 88.24	£ 90.09
16-18	£114.26	£116.66

3.2 Fostering Allowances

Ages	<u>Weekly Rate 1999/2000</u>	<u>Proposed Rate 2000/2001</u>
0 - 4	£ 85.69	£ 87.50
5-10	£106.33	£108.57
11	£132.36	£135.14
12 - 15	£176.48	£180.18
16 - 18	£228.52	£233.32

3.3 Link Carers/Residence Orders

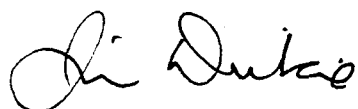
Ages	<u>Weekly Rate 1999/2000</u>	<u>Proposed Rate 2000/2001</u>
0 - 4	£ 19.05	£ 19.45
5-10	£ 23.65	£ 24.15
11-15	£ 29.39	£ 30.01
16-18	£ 38.06	£ 38.86

3.4 Shared Care Payment

	<u>Weekly Rate 1999/2000</u>	<u>Proposed Rate 2000/2001</u>
Up to 4 hours	£ 10.24	£ 10.46
Greater than 4hrs up to 24hrs	£ 20.48	£ 20.91

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Committee is asked to approve the new rates detailed at 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 above with effect from 1 April 2000.



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5 April 2000

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