

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE ANNUAL REPORT VISIT TO NORTH LANARKSHIRE
FROM: Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 6 June 2000	
REPORT AUTHOR: Duncan Mackay	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of an annual report visit to the Social Work Department by the Scottish Executive.

2 CONTENT

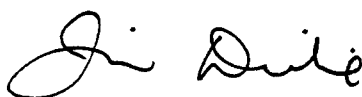
- 2.1 The Scottish Executive has initiated a system of annual visits to local authority Social Work Departments. This is the first year such an exercise has been undertaken and the visit to North Lanarkshire is scheduled to take place on 14 June 2000.
- 2.2 The visit will be made by officers of the Social Work Services Inspectorate. A letter was received on 20 April providing information gathered by the Executive as the basis for discussions on the day. This largely consisted of material gleaned from the range of statutory plans, i.e. Community Care, Children's Services and Criminal Justices Plans.
- 2.3 Discussion points the Scottish Executive wish to raise with all authorities include:
- ◆ Information provided to the Executive and Accounts Commission
 - ◆ Resource allocation
 - ◆ Local information systems
 - ◆ Supporting staff
 - ◆ Safeguarding vulnerable users
- 2.4 Specific points the Executive wish to raise in their visit to North Lanarkshire are:
- ◆ Expenditure on older people
 - ◆ Service availability (for children with special needs during holiday periods)
 - ◆ Consultation with children

2.5 The format for the day is currently being finalised. It will be appropriate to consider the involvement of elected members in the day as well as that of partner agencies and Departments.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) give consideration to appropriate member representation and;
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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24 May 2000

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