

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Introduction of the Social Work 2000 Charter
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1. CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Purpose of this report is to :

- Inform the Committee of the introduction of the Social Work 2000 Charter.

This report proposes the introduction of the above Charter, which intends to inform the public about the purpose and nature of Social Work.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Social Work Department, as part of its Public Information Strategy, has sought to develop a charter which sets out the principles which underpin the Social Work task. This will sit alongside the Social Work Customer Service Charter, approved by Committee, which outlines the standards of service which can be expected by service users.

3. THE SOCIAL WORK 2000 CHARTER

3.1 A copy of the Charter is attached to this report.

3.2 The Social Work 2000 Charter considers and promotes the value of Social Work, and its position within the revised political arrangements in Scotland. Its introduction seeks to achieve a number of things :

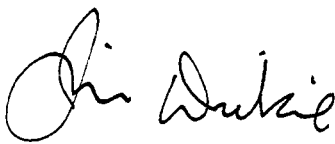
- recognition, by stakeholders, of the value of Social Work services, within a modern society, in providing care and maximising opportunity for those who are disadvantaged and require support.
- recognition of the role the Social Work Department of North Lanarkshire must play in national developments :
 - in the promotion of the interests of those who are disadvantaged.
 - in the development of appropriate political responses.

- in the development of social work's participation and effectiveness within the national framework.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to :

- approve the introduction of the Social Work 2000 Charter.
- remit this item to the Policy and Resources Committee for its interest.



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7th July 2000

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