

**SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB – 19 September 2000**

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**Motherwell, 19 September 2000 at 11 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Devine, Homer, Jones, Love, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, McKinlay, M. Murray and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources and Senior Community Care Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING**

John Dalrymple, Support for Ordinary Living and Margaret Moncrieff, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Gordon, Lunny, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 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 three new registrations and/or changes to registration of establishments.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT**

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 August 2000 when progress in establishing Social Care Contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated September 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 seven individuals to accommodate client choice as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, and (3) advising that a standard contract had been signed with VAMW Homes Limited, Glencairn Street, Motherwell for the provision of supported living services.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be approved.

**LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - REVIEW**

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 August 2000 when, *inter alia*, (1) the revised list of authorised providers of registerable social care services was approved, and (2) it was noted that a further report on the revised list of authorised providers of non-registerable social care services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding additions and amendments to the list of authorised providers of social care services (a) detailing five providers of social care services who had been added to the list of authorised providers of social care registered services in response to individual assessed needs ; (b) advising that the services provided and category of client for Westminster Health Care Limited had been amended to include Nursing Home and Residential Respite in respect of residents with dementia, frail elderly and young physically disabled, and (c) intimating that the assessment of the 53 providers of non-registerable Social Care services was ongoing and recommendations would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the additions and amendments to the list of authorised providers of registered social care services as detailed in the report be approved, and
- (2) that a further report on the revised list of providers of non-registerable social care services be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

**SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the supplementation rates set by other local authorities for registered residential and day care establishments based in the voluntary sector within their areas.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the new supplementation rates as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved, and
- (2) that information on significant changes to supplementation rates set by other local authorities be detailed in future reports to the Sub-Committee.

**LEASE OF PREMISES - EMMA JAY ROAD/MAIN STREET, BELLSHILL**

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 31 March 1998 when it had been noted that the landlord of the shop unit at Emma Jay Road, Bellshill had withdrawn an offer to assign the lease of a hairdresser's shop unit to the Council, there was submitted a report dated 13 September 2000 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to enter into negotiations to secure the lease of the hairdresser's shop unit in Emma Jay Road, Bellshill and advising that the landlord had advised the Council that the premises would become available for lease to the Council in the near future.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposal to enter into negotiations for the lease of the hairdresser's shop unit in Emma Jay Road, Bellshill be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.

**ABSENCE MONITORING**

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 September 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the level of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department during the month of July 2000.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**ABSENCE IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ESTABLISHMENTS**

7. The Convener advised that the item regarding Absence in Residential Child Care was withdrawn.

**OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 September 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 26 June to 22 August 2000 and paid at SCP35.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for its interest.

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE (TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BENEFIT SCHEME) - MANAGING THE CHANGEOVER**

9. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 18 April 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was noted that reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Housing and Property Services and Social Work Committees on the arrangements for implementing the Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the arrangements for the implementation of the Supporting People "Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme" (a) outlining the background to the Scheme; (b) setting out the action required by local authorities to ensure effective implementation of the infrastructure which was required to implement the Supporting People agenda; (c) proposing (i) that the Director of Social Work be the Lead Officer for North Lanarkshire, and (ii) that an implementation group and a shadow "Supporting People" forum be established to formulate a strategy and a project plan to implement the objectives of the Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme, and (e) advising that the Scottish Executive had set aside £20m. for 2000/2001, £55m. for 2002/2003, and £70m. for 2003/2004 to fund the preparation and administration of the "Supporting People" initiative.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the establishment of an implementation group, a shadow "Supporting People" forum and the appointment of the Director of Social Work as Lead Officer for North Lanarkshire be approved in order to access the resources set aside for implementing the "Supporting People", Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme, and
- (2) that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY**

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress in implementing the New Partnerships Project for People with a Learning Disability (1) outlining the background to the project; (2) setting out the progress of the project, and (3) intimating that the next stages of the implementation would be (a) the establishment of an advisory group to meet periodically to advise on the implementation of the project and to assist with dissemination of information, and (b) to launch the project when a small number of people had been recruited and some services had been commenced.

**Decided:** that the progress in the implementation of the New Partnerships Project for people with a learning disability be noted.

**SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES - IMPLEMENTATION**

11. The Senior Community Care Officer was heard in relation to progress in the implementation of North Lanarkshire's Supported Living Services and in relation to future developments for the service. Thereon John Dalrymple, Director of Support for Ordinary Living (SOL) outlined the role of SOL in the provision of supported living services and in providing supported living service for individuals with differing needs.

Thereafter, the Director of Support for Ordinary Living responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the progress of the implementation of supported living services in North Lanarkshire and the role of Support for Ordinary Living (SOL) be noted.