

AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of Sub-Committees
 - (a) Submit Minute of meeting of Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 9 January 2001 for approval (pages 1-4) (copy herewith)
 - (b) Submit Minute of meeting of Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2001 for approval (pages 5-6) (copy herewith)

REMITS FOR INFORMATION

- (2) Absence Management Policy - Statistics from 1 April to 30 September 2000 (pages 7-15)
Submit report by Head of Personnel Services providing absence statistics together with a commentary detailing the breakdown of the figures within Departments of the Council for the period April to September 2000 for manual/craft employees, non-manual staff and teachers and providing a comparison with the statistics for April to September 1999 (copy herewith) (Appendix 1 attached to agenda)

POLICY

- (3) Home Care Charging (pages 16-19)
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval to amend the Home Care Charging System ensuring that the increases are within the rate of inflation (copy herewith)
- (4) Social Work Services Inspectorate - Managing the Risk - An Inspection of Sex Offender Cases in the Community (pages 20-24)
Submit report by Director of Social Work (1) highlighting the findings of an inspection undertaken by the Social Work Services Inspectorate into the "Management of Sex Offender Cases in the Community" which includes cases from North Lanarkshire, and (2) enclosing the Council's comments on the recommendations (copy herewith)
- (5) Employment Opportunities for People with a Disability in North Lanarkshire (pages 25-36)
Submit report by Director of Social Work setting out proposals to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in North Lanarkshire particularly those individuals who currently attend day centres (copy herewith)
- (6) The Future of Glasgow's Hospital Services: First Phase of Consultation (pages 37-42)
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of the response which has been submitted by the Council to Greater Glasgow Health Board in respect of the consultation paper entitled "The Future of Glasgow's Hospital Services: First Phase of Consultation" (copy herewith)

OPERATIONAL

- (7) **Social Work Recruitment (pages 43-48)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of the current recruitment position within the Social Work Department, the steps taken to fill vacancies, factors affecting recruitment and the future recruitment needs of the Department (copy herewith)
- (8) **Administrative Support to Child Care, Community Care and Criminal Justice (pages 49-50)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval to create three permanent administrative posts graded at AP1 within the Social Work Headquarters Sections of Child Care, Community Care and Criminal Justice (copy herewith)
- (9) **Section 10 Grants (pages 51-52)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval to allocate the remaining monies available in the current Section 10 Budget (copy herewith)
- (10) **Wishaw General Hospital - Migration Plan (pages 53-55)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work (1) advising of plans for the opening of the new Wishaw General Hospital in May 2001 and (2) highlighting the role of the Social Work Department in the migration plan to ensure the safe transfer of services (copy herewith)
- (11) **Winter Bed Pressures - Progress Report (pages 56-58)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of progress being achieved in relation to the initiatives developed in North Lanarkshire with health service colleagues to tackle winter bed pressures and of the development of further winter pressure initiatives in view of the recurring nature of the Scottish Executive funding (copy herewith)
- (12) **Additional Resources for Equipment and Adaptations (pages 59-60)**
Submit joint report by Directors of Housing and Property Services and Social Work advising of additional non-recurring monies allocated by the Scottish Executive for equipment adaptations and of their agreed use by joint planning partners (copy herewith)
- (13) **Petition from Residents of Leslie Street Area Regarding the Children's Home in Leslie Street Motherwell (pages 61-62)**
Submit report by Director of Social Work in connection with a Petition regarding the Children's Home in Leslie Street, Motherwell (copy herewith)
- (14) **North Lanarkshire Shopmobility Scheme**
Submit joint report by Directors of Social Work, Planning and Environment and Administration seeking authority to (1) approve, in principle, the Draft Business Plan and Service Level Agreement for the North Lanarkshire Shopmobility Group, and (2) transfer monies identified for the Shopmobility Scheme from the Department of Social Work to the Department of Planning and Environment (copy to follow)

- (15) Proposed Long Lease of Premises at 6 and 8 Emma Jay Road and 303/315 Main Street, Bellshill (pages 63-64)
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking authority to enter into a 15 year Lease for 4 properties in Bellshill (copy herewith)
- (16) The Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill (pages 65-69)
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill which will introduce (1) a Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care, and (2) a Scottish Social Services Council for the regulation of the Social services workforce (copy herewith)
- (17) Supporting People Decision Making Process and Working Arrangements (pages 70-80)
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval for the arrangements for the implementation of the Supporting People Programme (copy herewith)
- (18) Scottish Executive Joint Future Group Report - Response by Lanarkshire Community Care Planning Partners (pages 81-90)
Submit report by the Director of Social Work enclosing the Council's comments prepared jointly in partnership with Lanarkshire Community Care Planning Partners on the Scottish Executive consultation paper entitled "Community Care - A Joint Future" for homologation (copy herewith)

CONTRACTS

- (19) Perimeter Walling/Fencing, Belhaven House, Wishaw (pages 91-93)
Submit report by General Manager, Construction Services advising of a tender received and progressed by the Director of Administration in terms of delegated powers and submitted for information (copy herewith)

MONITORING

- (20) Revenue Budget Monitoring Reports
- (a) Financial Monitoring Report for the Social Work Department - 1 April to 10 December 2000 (pages 94-110)
Submit report by Director of Social Work providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for the period 1 April to 10 December 2000 for the Social Work Department against the estimated expenditure and income (copy herewith)
- (b) Financial Monitoring Report for Sheltered Employment - 1 April to 10 December 2000 (pages 111-115)
Submit report by Director of Social Work providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for the period 1 April to 10 December 2000 for Sheltered Employment against the estimated expenditure and income (copy herewith)

- (21) Composite Capital Programme 2000/2001 Monitoring Report - 1 April to 12 December 2000 (pages 116-119)
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of current progress being made on individual projects contained within the Capital Programme (copy herewith)
- (22) Best Value Service Review Criminal Justice Services - Courts and Probation
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval for (1) the executive summary of the Social Work Best Value Review of probation and courts services within North Lanarkshire, and (2) the action plan which has been developed in respect of the future provision of the service (copy to follow)
- (23) Best Value Service Review - Community Alarms (pages 120-160)
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval for (1) the executive summary of the Social Work Best Value Review of Community Alarms with North Lanarkshire, and (2) the action plan which has been developed in respect of the future provision of the service (copy herewith) (Appendix to follow)

CONFERENCES

- (24) The Future for Rural Child Care Services
Consider invitation from Children in Scotland
- (25) Breaking the Link: Treating Drug Misusing Offenders, London, 13 February 2001
Consider invitation from Neil Stewart Associates
- (26) Supported Employment Conference - European Union of Supported Employment, Edinburgh, 28-30 March 2001
Consider invitation from the European Union of Supported Employment

Exclusion of Public

The Committee is asked to consider passing the following resolution:

“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.”

- (27) Death of a looked after Child (pages 161-162)
Submit report by Director of Social Work advising of the death of a child who was looked after (copy herewith to Members only)