

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
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1 CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Social Work Committee to approve the allocation of the remaining monies which are available in the current Section 10 budget.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee have considered and approved three reports on Section 10 funding which cover the current financial year 2000/2001.
- 2.2 Section 10 funding enables the local authority to make contributions by way of a loan or a grant to voluntary organisations whose objectives are to promote social welfare.
- 2.3 From an initial budget of £247,000, there remains a balance of £33,618, which requires to be allocated before the end of the present financial year. This report sets out recommendations on how this money should be allocated.

3 APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Section 10 report which was approved by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2000 referred to monies which had been allocated in the previous financial year to help with a budget to fund a Carers/Strategy Network. The report went on to indicate that additional finance would be required for the period 2000/2001 and that further details would be reported to Committee.
- 3.2 In the intervening period, Carer Organisations throughout the North Lanarkshire area have been meeting to plan the development of the proposed Carers Network. A Carers Conference was held in November 2000 and the plans for the Network are almost complete. It is therefore proposed that Committee agree to allocate £30,118 to the Princess Royal Trust to help meet the costs of this development.
- 3.3 An application for financial assistance has been received from Tannochside Information and Advice Centre (TIAC) to help meet a shortfall in their existing funding arrangements, this organisation operates in the Motherwell North Social Inclusion Partnership area and is funded through the Social Work Department.

3.4 TIAC's budget, in common with a number of organisations was subject to a cut several years ago, and over the past three years has not received any form of increase. The organisation employs four members of staff. A study of their accounts and projected expenditure indicates that there is insufficient resources to meet staff wages and other costs such as heating and lighting. It is therefore proposed that a payment of £3,500 be made to enable the organisation meet their financial obligations to the end of the current financial year.

3.5 Officers from the Social Work Department are in discussion with the TIAC Management Committee, and other funding options such as the National Lottery and the European Social Fund are being explored as potential sources of additional funding opportunities

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Committee is requested to approve

- i) the award of £30,118 to the North Lanarkshire Carers Network.
- ii) to award £3,500 to TIAC
- iii) to otherwise note the report.



Jim Dickie
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18 December 2000

Background Papers

Social Work Committee Report 7th March 2000
Social Work Committee Report 6th June 2000
Social Work Committee Report 21st November 2000

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