

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Better Care - for All Our Futures
FROM: J Dickie, Director of Social Work	
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1 PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a consultation paper issued by the Scottish Executive containing details of further legislative proposals relating to long term care.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 In April 2001 the Scottish Executive published a consultation document entitled "Better Care - For All Our Futures". The document contains legislative proposals for the following areas.

- a] Joint Resourcing and Management of Community Care Services
- b] Promoting Consistency in Charging for Non-Residential Care
- c] Promoting Choice - Residential Care
 - i] Local Authority Loans
 - ii] Choice of Care Home
 - iii] Cross-Border Placements
- d] Promoting Choice - Non-Residential Care: Direct Payment for Care Services
- e] Minor NHS Amendments

2.2 The deadline for comments on the consultation paper is 15 June 2001.

2.3 A copy of the consultation document has been placed in the Member's library.

3 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

- a] note the publication of the consultation paper "Better Care - For All Our Futures"; and
- b] request the Director of Social Work to submit a response to the consultation document, in consultation with the Convenor of Social Work.

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 17 May 2001

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