

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject:
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	NORTH LANARKSHIRE STRATEGY FOR CARERS - USE OF FUNDS 2001/2002
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 24 May 2001	
REPORT AUTHOR: Duncan Mackay	
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1 CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the use of funds allocated for services to carers in North Lanarkshire 2001/2002.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the National Strategy for Carers, the Scottish Executive has made provision in each of the last two local government settlements for funds to provide services to carers. The total allocation for North Lanarkshire is 2627,500. The use of these monies is required to be agreed by carers groups, with written evidence to this effect to accompany issue of Joint Community Care Plans to the Scottish Executive.
- 2.2 Committee has previously approved the use of monies for 2000/2001 and in March 2001 approved issue of a North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers.

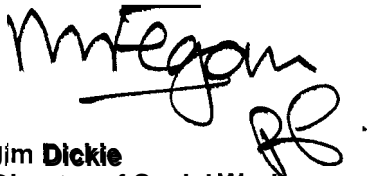
3 THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE APPROACH

- 3.1 A number of carers groups and organisations including the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Carers Liaison and Support Project, the Young Carers Project and Lanarkshire Community Care Forum have worked with Council Departments and Health to produce the North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers. This Carers Strategy Group invited, received and considered a number of requests for funding and agreed the use on which the monies should be spent.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 sets out the decisions of the group. The attached footnotes identify where matters are under further discussion with carers.
- 3.3 The use of all monies for carers will be subject to appropriate monitoring, review and evaluation.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve the use of monies to support carers as set out in Appendix 1 and;
- (ii) note that this will be the subject of a report to a future Committee and;
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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Appendix 1 - Use of Carers Allocation 2001/2002

Organisation	Proposal	£
Social Work	Purchase of respite care for adults and children with learning disabilities	95,000
Social Work	Purchase of respite care for people with physical disabilities	60,000
West of Scotland Carers Forum	Dedicated staff time in North Lanarkshire to facilitate links with carers nationwide	6,000
Parkinsons Self Help Group (Motherwell)	Purchase of equipment and training packages for carers	2,500
Watch Us Grow	Evening and weekend sessions for people with disabilities, providing respite for carers	7,500
Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust	Involve carers in development of mental health resource network in Wishaw	7,000
Motherwell Disability Forum	Providing advice and advocacy to carers in Shotts area	2,500
Orbiston Parents and Carers (Bellshill)	Costs for running support group	3,000
NCH Young Carers Project	Continued funding for Development Worker	24,000
ENABLE (Bellshill & District)	Contribution towards running social club	2,500
Alzheimer (Scotland)	Support to carers when relative dies or is admitted to long term care	23,229
Cumbernauld Action for Care of the Elderly (CACE)	Day based respite provision for older people	16,276
Hillview Special Needs Playscheme	Transport costs for playscheme for children with disabilities	800
Kilsyth and District Elderly Explorers	Day Break Project- carer respite	800
Shotts & District Volunteer Addiction Group	Support for carers of people with addiction problems	1,500
Partners in Play	Develop year-round activities for young people with disabilities, providing respite for carers	18,000
Jack & Jill Support	Publicity and information material	2,000

Redburn After School Care	After school care for children and young people with disabilities	20,000
Princess Royal Trust for Carers	Funding contribution to training co-ordinator post	5,783
Social Work	Continued funding for Shared Care worker & equipment	34,617
To be agreed (1)	Carers Support Workers and admin staff in various locations	155,625
To be agreed (2)	Develop and produce quality information material for carers	25,000
Lanarkshire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (3)	Assess, plan and meet educational gaps of carers to support hospital discharge	(up to) 35,000
	TOTAL	548,630

Notes

1. Carers are currently considering whether they wish the Carers Support Workers to be employed by the local authority or another body.
2. Carers are currently considering a number of approaches to achieve this objective and haven't yet determined where they would like the funds placed.
3. Carers are having further discussions with Lanarkshire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust to consider this proposal in more detail. This may result in a lower figure being agreed.
4. There remains a balance from the total allocation of £627,500 of £78,870. The use of this remains under consideration by carers and will be the subject of a future report to Committee. Area under discussion include services to carers of people mental health problems; recurring costs for the running of the Carers Network; and use of the carers facility proposed within the planned PHEW respite resource.