

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 23 August 2001	Ref: RP/MY	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. To update Committee on progress in establishing a new respite and carers centre on the Pyramid Site in Motherwell.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Members will recollect previous reports to Committee on 22 August 2000 and 22 March 2001 regarding proposals by PHEW to develop a Respite Unit and Carer Centre in Motherwell.
- 2.2. A presentation was made by PHEW at the March Committee informing members of the proposed design which is intended to bring respite care to a new level with accommodation and leisure facilities being of hotel standard.
- 2.3. The proposal was the subject of an application to the Lottery Commission for funding of £600,000 towards the capital cost of the project.
- 2.4. The balance of the funding for the project was to come from North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Health Board and from PHEW accessing funding from charitable sources and securing mortgage funding.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1. Initial designs for the project have been completed and planning permission for the new respite unit has been granted.
- 3.2. North Lanarkshire Council has obtained Section 74 consent to lease the land at Hope Street, Motherwell to PHEW for a period of 99 years at a nominal sum.
- 3.3. The National Lottery Community Fund has awarded £600,000 to PHEW to help build the respite care centre in Motherwell.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1. As previously reported to Committee the viability of the project is dependent on funding from a number of sources.

4.2. The funding requirements based on the budgeted construction costs are as follows:-

National Lottery Funding	£600,000
PHEW (Mortgage / Charitable)	£500,000
Social Work Department	£285,000
Health	£285,000
Total Estimated Project Costs	£1,670,000

4.3. It is proposed that the Council award a grant of £285,000 to PHEW towards the cost of the respite and carers centre.

4.4. It is proposed that officers of the Council conclude discussions with Lanarkshire Health Board regarding their contribution to the project.

4.5. It is proposed that the Director of Administration enter into a contract with PHEW in respect of -

- the conditions pertaining to the grant from North Lanarkshire Council towards the capital cost;
- the right of access to the respite services by North Lanarkshire Council and future funding arrangements;
- the lease of the Hope Street site at a nominal rent.

5. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The proposed grant of £285,000 towards the capital contribution can be met from within existing resources within the budgets of the Social Work Department to provide services for people with a learning disability.

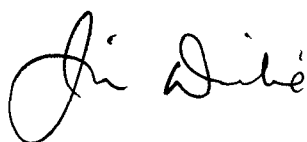
5.2. The necessary Section 74 consent has been received allowing the Council to lease the land at Hope Street to PHEW.

5.3. Contract required to be concluded between the Council and PHEW as outlined in 4.5 above.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve a grant of £285,000 to PHEW towards the costs of the new respite centre;
- (ii) authorise the Director of Administration to conclude a contract with PHEW as outlined above.



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