

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE EDUCATION COMMITTEE HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001 - 2004
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is seek Committee approval for the publication of the final version of the Joint Community Care Plan 2001 - 2004 which takes account of comments received from the consultation period following the distribution of the Draft Plan in June 2001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The first Joint Community Care Plan for North Lanarkshire was published in 1998 and covered a three year period till 2001. The Plan is a requirement of community care legislation.
- 2.2. An annual review report is published each year to monitor progress made towards fulfilling the commitments contained within the three year Plan.
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3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1. 4,500 draft versions of the Plan were issued for consultation for a six week period ending on 27th July 2001. All responses were formally and individually acknowledged. Changes were made to the Plan to reflect the main comments received as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2. The Social Work Department issued the Plan for the same period of consultation to independent providers of community care services. This is a legislative requirement in respect of the purchasing intentions outlined within the Plan.
- 3.3. It is proposed that widespread consultation with key stakeholders will be facilitated by the Social Work Department on a regular basis to inform the Annual Review of the Plan in 2002 and 2003.
- 3.4. Lanarkshire Primary Care Trust have agreed to continue the secondment of a member of their staff to North Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department for a further year until 31 August 2002, in order to progress the implementation of the Joint Community Care Plan and the development of partnership working as proposed in the Plan.

4. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. It is proposed that 4,500 copies of the Joint Community Care Plan, and 10,000 copies of a Plan summary be printed and distributed at a total cost of £13,000, including the cost of preparing versions in alternative languages and formats. The distribution list has been updated in an attempt to target users, carers and all the key stakeholders who have an input into community care. The Department is also making arrangements to have the Plan made available to stakeholders on the Intranet and Council Internet site.
- 4.2. Lanarkshire Health Board has agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the production of the Joint Community Care Plan with the result that the cost to both North Lanarkshire Council and Lanarkshire Health Board for the Plan's production will be £6,500.
- 4.3. The Needs and Resources Factfile has also been updated to cover the period 2001-04 in order to complement the Joint Community Care Plan. This document provides key information to inform the planning process for all community care services over the next three years. It is proposed that 1,000 copies will be printed at a cost of £2,500.
- 4.4. The total cost to the Council for the production of the above documents will be £9,000.
- 4.5. Copies of the printed documents will be placed in the Member's Library.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Committee is asked:

- (i) to approve the terms of this report;
- (ii) to approve the final version of the Joint Community Care Plan;
- (iii) to approve the costs of printing the Joint Community Care Plan and the Needs and Resources Fact File;
- (iv) remit the report to Education Committee and Housing and Technical Services Committee.



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25 July 2001

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Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004**Report on comments received during the consultation period.**

Comments were received from the following:

Individual Service Users
Lanarkshire Community Care Forum
Lanarkshire Health Board
Lanarkshire Health Council
Scottish Society for Autism
Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau
North Lanarkshire Young Carers Project
North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department
Health Promotion, Lanarkshire Health Board
Consultant in Public Health, Lanarkshire Health Board
Consultant in Dental Public Health Lanarkshire Health Board
North Lanarkshire Parkinson's Self Help Group
West of Scotland Racial Equality Council
Greater Glasgow Health Board

The Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 was issued in draft form for consultation for a six week period. A tape version of the draft plan was also available. The closing date for submissions was the 27th July 2001 although submissions were accepted beyond this date.

Most respondents who commented on the style and layout did so favourably. e.g. "I would like to commend you on the presentation and the user friendly layout" In terms of content of the draft plan a variety of comments were made. Where these took the form of questions or requests for further information, they have been answered directly. In the case of suggested amendments or amplifications we have endeavoured to include these in the final version.

Extracts from written submissions.

"The group is delighted with the content and presentation and the high profile given to the views of Users and Carers both in the Background in Chapter 1 and in each of the care group sections. This has reinforced that our views have been valued and makes the document more meaningful as well as more user friendly"

"The consultation period for the draft document has been during June/July when community groups are taking their summer break. For the future it may be better to consider this in September/October."

"We also feel that this is a very progressive and inclusive document."

"Our group members would like to see a better transport service, especially those who live in rural areas."

“There is a need for a Parkinson’s Nurse in North Lanarkshire as at present some of our members have to travel to the Glasgow area”.

“More carers assessments required and changed when need arises.”

“The main issues are described in your document- Better information about illness following diagnosis, flexible home-care service, easier access to benefits advice, advocacy services and respite care.”

“There is an issue of how ethnic minority residents in the area receive their specific social and health care services.”

“As regards community care plans for individuals (have you ever seen one? As I as a client have not.)

“Self help has limitations and is often an excuse for staff or carer frustration.”

“Ageism should not be practiced in community care services. I have experience of services being commissioned up to the age of 65, this means people are thrown out of the service at 65.” This comment was in relation to people with physical disabilities.

“Thank you for this opportunity to respond and we will welcome the opportunity to participate in further discussions.”