

Motherwell, 2 October 2001 at 11 am

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Gordon, Jones, Lunny, McKendrick, McKinlay, J. Martin and M. Murray.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Resources, Monitoring and Standards Manager, and Development Co-ordinator, Community Care.

ALSO ATTENDING

M. Moncrieff and M. Smith, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Love, McCabe, H. McGuigan and J. McGuigan

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING DISABILITY JOINT STRATEGY - SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 May 2001 when, *inter alia*, the priorities for the next stage of the implementation of the Learning Disability Strategy were endorsed, there was submitted a report dated 13 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding progress made in implementing the Joint Strategy for Learning Disability and seeking approval for additional funding for the next phase of the strategy (1) setting out development priorities for learning disability services in relation to Neighbourhood Networks, Adult Family Placements, Supported Living and Self Directed Services; (2) intimating that development of the six neighbourhood networks within North Lanarkshire would require £32,144 of funding for each network; (3) indicating that Cornerstone Community Care required additional core funding of £25,000 to implement the Adult Placement Scheme through the appointment of a part-time Family Placement Officer, and (4) seeking approval to commission additional providers to support people with learning disabilities who live at home.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in implementing the development of services for people with learning disabilities in North Lanarkshire be noted;
- (2) that funding of £32,144 be provided to each of the six neighbourhood networks within North Lanarkshire to meet the recurring costs with their development;
- (3) that additional core funding of £25,000 be provided to Cornerstone Community Care to implement adult family placements through the appointment of a part-time Family Placement Officer, and

- (4) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to commission additional providers to support people with learning disabilities who live at home.

REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS: NEW REGISTRATIONS AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work advising of the approval, under delegated powers, of three new registrations and/or notification of changes to the registration of establishments under Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1987.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - UPDATE

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 May 2001 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that the Director of Social Work provide reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee highlighting further changes to the List of Authorised Providers of Social Care Services, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work (1) detailing six providers of registered services who had been added to the List of Authorised Providers to accommodate client choice, and (2) providing details of three providers of non-registered services recommended for inclusion on the list.

Decided:

- (1) that the amendments to the List of Providers of non-registered and Registered Social Care Services as detailed in the report be approved, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee highlighting further changes to the List of Authorised Providers of Social Care Services.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - CONTRACTS UPDATE REPORT

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2001 when progress in establishing Social Care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 10 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that there were no new registered residential services which required a contract with this Council and no new nursing home services which required a contract with Lanarkshire Health Board, and (2) indicating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith the Council for four individuals to accommodate client choice as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 31 March 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that periodic progress reports on the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report dated 30 July 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services intimating that as at 30 June 2001 (1) the project had 759 clients and 456 building cases complete or in the process and 62% of the clients were over 70 years of age and over 85% had a disability, and (2) the small repairs service

had visited 114 clients and completed work in 104 houses and 67% of the clients were over 70 years of age and 79% had a disability.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the supplementation rate set by other local authorities for registered residential and day care establishments based in the voluntary sector within their areas.

Decided: that the new supplementation rates as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE ASSOCIATION IN SCOTLAND

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to provide a grant of £13,039 to the Children's Hospice Association for Scotland (CHAS) towards the cost of Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross (1) outlining the background to the services provided at Rachel House, and (2) proposing that the Council contribute £13,039 towards the cost of Rachel House Children's Hospice in the current financial year.

Decided: that a grant of £13,039 be provided to CHAS towards the cost of Rachel House Children's Hospice for the 2001/2002 financial year.

ABSENCE MONITORING

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work detailing the level of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department during the months of July and August 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 September 2001 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 20 June to 13 September 2001 and paid at SCP35.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for its interest.