

Motherwell, 11 December 2001 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Devine, Gordon, Lunny, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, McKinlay, J. Martin, Saunders and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Resources, Service Manager, Planning and Information Management, Senior Development Officer and Development Co-ordinator, Community Care.

ALSO ATTENDING

J. Brown and M. Smith, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum and J. Kearney, Service User Partnership in Practice.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Jones, Love, McCabe, McElroy and H McGuigan.

PRESENTATION ON NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT - MY CHOICE

1. The Development Co-ordinator, Social Work Department and J. Kearney, Service User, Partnership in Practice outlined background details on North Lanarkshire Partnership in Practice Agreement: My Choice which provides opportunities to people with learning disabilities to live in the community. Thereon there was a short video presentation.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - UPDATE

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 October 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 2 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing details of one provider of registered services who had been added to the List of Authorised Providers to accommodate client choice, and (2) intimating that the client categorisation of Allan Waters Nursing Homes Limited, Doune had been amended to provide residential respite care for people with dementia, mental illness and learning disabilities provided in Arnothill House Nursing Home, Falkirk.

Decided:

- (1) that the amendments to the List of Authorised Providers of 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

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 October 2001 when progress in establishing social care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 2 November 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 five 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

4. 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 19 November 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services intimating that as at 30 September 2001 (1) the project had 857 clients and 540 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 201 clients and completed work in 188 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.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORTS

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOME CARE SERVICES

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2001 when the use of independent home care services and the outcome of contract monitoring in relation to the service for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2001 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 31 October 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding the use of independent sector home care services and the outcome of contract monitoring in relation to the service for the period 1 July to 30 September 2001 (1) intimating that for the period up to 30 September 2001, 163 people were receiving services from independent sector home care service providers in North Lanarkshire; (2) indicating that there had been a small decrease in the private sector client base however the number of hours delivered had increased from 1,713 to 2,344, an increase of 37%, and (3) setting out, in Appendix 1 to the report, levels of use and comments on the performance arising from monitoring of each provider of services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES AND OTHER SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2001 when the use of supported living services purchased by the Council and the outcome of contract monitoring in relation to the services for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2001 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 23 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding the use of independent sector supported living services and other services for young people and the outcome of contract monitoring in relation to the services for the period 1 July to 30 September 2001, (1) intimating that for the period up to 30 September 2001, 95 people were receiving supported living services within North Lanarkshire, 66 of whom had learning disabilities, 20 had mental health problems and 9 with learning disabilities who receive a service from the Council's own provision (life choices), and (2) summarising in Appendix 1 to the report the outcome of monitoring of independent sector supported living services and other services for young people.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

COMMUNITY CARE AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND) BILL - CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP REPORT: FAIR CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding a report on the contents of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Bill produced by the Care Development Group entitled "Fair Care for Older People (1) summarising the main points contained in the Bill; (2) detailing the remit of the Care Development Group and the contents of the report "Fair Care for Older People"; (3) intimating that as a result of the Bill, the Council required to develop its service provision in respect of assessment services, direct payments, joint working and home care services, and (4) indicating that the "Fair Care for Older People" report identified resources available nationally to implement the free personal nursing and care proposals of £125m per annum for a 3 year period.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the position meantime and continue consideration of the proposals to the next meeting of the Social Work Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING: DEVELOPMENT OF POST OF SERVICE MANAGER, HEALTH ACTION

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for the establishment of a post of Service Manager, Health Action for a period of 3 years (1) outlining the background to the requirement for the establishment of the post which would be funded on a tripartite basis between the Council, NHS Lanarkshire and Glasgow and the Scottish Executive; (2) intimating that the Council's bid for funding to the Scottish Executive in respect of public health capacity building had been successful in the sum of £15,000 per annum for a period of 3 years; (3) proposing that the post be graded at PO11 and the Council's contribution be £12,000 plus in-kind support costs over a 3 year period.

Decided:

- (1) that the establishment of the post of Service Manager, Health Action graded at PO11 be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY CARE FORUM - JOINT INITIATIVES WITH THE COUNCIL

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work enclosing a report from Lanarkshire Community Care Forum detailing (1) the work undertaken by Lanarkshire Community Forum in conjunction with the Council, and (2) the workplan of joint initiatives between the Forum and the Council to be undertaken in 2002.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY CARE FORUM - CORE FUNDING

10. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 February 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that funding of £14,167 be provided to Lanarkshire Community Care Forum on a tripartite basis with South Lanarkshire Council and the NHS Lanarkshire Board, there was submitted a report dated December 2001 by the Director of Social Work intimating that following a meeting of the funding partners, an agreement had been reached to increase the core funding to Lanarkshire Community Care Forum of £66,000 split equally between North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the NHS Lanarkshire Board to ensure that the Forum was able to continue to deliver their agree remit.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Council provide core funding of £22,000 per annum to Lanarkshire Community Care Forum.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the supplementation rates 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.

REVISED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CARE

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for revised costs for supported living services provided by Cornerstone Community Care in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to the review of services provided by Cornerstone Community Care; (2) proposing an increase in core funding from £117,374 to £157,374 to cover an expansion of the service provided, and (3) intimating that work was currently ongoing to review the funding arrangements of all supported living providers in North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that the core funding provided to Cornerstone Community Care be increased to £157,374 per annum;

- (2) that further reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee following the outcome of the review of supported living service providers in North Lanarkshire, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

CONTRACT - SUPPLY OF DISPERSED COMMUNITY ALARMS UNITS

13. There was submitted a report dated November 2001 by the Director of Social Work advising that (1) the lowest tender for the supply, installation and maintenance of 1200 dispersed community alarm units was that of Initial Electronic Security Systems Limited, Blackburn in the sum of £118,200, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ABSENCE MONITORING

14. 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 from August to October 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 November 2001 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 from 18 August to 12 October 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..