

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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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, 22 March 2001 and 23 August 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 2001 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. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The designs for the new respite facility have been completed.
- 3.2. Legal agreement has been reached regarding North Lanarkshire Council granting a 99 year lease to PHEW of the land at Hope Street, Motherwell.
- 3.3. PHEW have met the conditions laid down by the National Lottery Community Fund with regard to the legal agreement with North Lanarkshire Council (see 3.2 above) and the Royal Bank of Scotland who are making mortgage funding available.
- 3.4. The works involved in constructing the new facility have been put out to competitive tender and the subsequent evaluation of the tenders has established that the total project costs have risen from a projected £1.6 million as previously reported to £1.75 million.

3.5. Work will start on site in March 2002.

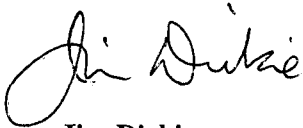
4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. It is proposed that North Lanarkshire Council make an additional grant of £150,000 to PHEW to cover the increased costs of the project. This being subject to confirmation of the resource availability within the Department beyond the current out-turn projections.
- 4.2. It is further proposed that the Department, in accord with the proposals contained in the Budget Monitoring Report of 25 October 2001, ascertain prior to 31 March 2002 of this year whether it can reduce the mortgage requirement of PHEW by providing a further grant.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Committee is asked to:

- (a) approve a grant of £150,000 as detailed in 4.1 above;
- (b) approve that the Department seeks to reduce the mortgage required by PHEW as in 4.2 above by making additional grant available.
- (c) refer to Policy & Resources Committee.



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