

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: ADULTS WITH INCAPACITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000: AUTHORISATION OF ACTION	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 1 May 2002		

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report advises the Committee of the possibility of urgent action requiring to be taken in respect of adults with incapacity and recommends that authority be granted to the Director of Social Work and the Heads of Service within the Department of Social Work, after consultation with the Director of Administration, to exercise the powers of the Council under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 with regard to any person or persons in respect of whom urgent action in terms of that Act requires to be taken.

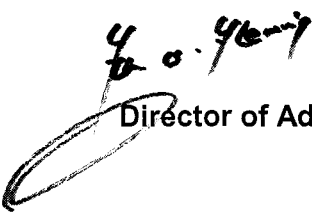
2. Background

2.1 It has been recommended to the Committee that powers be delegated to officers to implement and discharge the powers and responsibilities of the Council under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000. Those powers will be delegated only if that recommendation is approved by the Council which next meets on 20 June. It is possible that, in the period prior to that date, circumstances will arise in respect of one or more adults with incapacity which will require the exercise of the powers of the Council under this Act. For that reason it is recommended that the Committee delegate to the Director of Social and the Heads of Service within the Department of Social Work, after consultation with the Director of Administration, authority to exercise the powers of the Council under that Act in respect of any individual case in which action is required prior to the meeting of the Council on 20 June 2002.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee delegate to the Director of Social and the Heads of Service within the Department of Social Work, after consultation with the Director of Administration, authority to exercise the powers of the Council under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 in respect of any individual case in which action is required prior to the meeting of the Council on 20 June 2002.

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Director of Administration