

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: MEMBER/OFFICER REVIEW OF EQUIPMENT & ADAPTATIONS- IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report provides Committee with a progress report on the implementation of the Member/Officer Review of Equipment and Adaptations.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A report to the Social Work & Housing Committees in October 1999 identified a number of issues relating to the assessment and provision of community equipment and adaptations. Committee approved a recommendation to establish a joint Member/Officer working group. The decisions of the group were agreed by Committee in November 2000 and have been the subject of regular progress reports since.
- 2.2. A report by the Joint Future Group, the community care policy making wing of the Scottish Executive requires agencies to jointly resource and manage equipment and adaptation services, including a combined store, by April, 2002.

3. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

- 3.1. The aim of achieving a joint equipment service between Social Work and Health is continuing to progress well. The service will have three main elements:
- A joint equipment store
 - An information and assessment unit
 - A mobile unit
- 3.2. The joint equipment store has been operational since May 2002. Renovation work on the information and assessment unit, located adjacent to the joint store, is in progress with a projected completion date of September 2002.
- 3.3. The Transport section of the Council commissioned the Mobile Unit, which will be delivered in late summer/autumn 2002. This element of the service was previously the subject of a presentation to Committee.
- 3.4. The letting of a contract for the servicing, maintenance, supply, installation, removal and storage of equipment was agreed by Committee in May 2002.

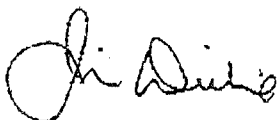
- 3.5. The stock control system MESALS 2000, is installed. This will ensure efficient monitoring of the delivery, fitting, repair, return and recycling of equipment. It is web enabled which will allow local staff to access stock levels and availability, and the public to view items of equipment through an on-line catalogue.
- 3.6. A number of other changes have been made to facilitate improvements to the work of Occupational Therapy and support staff. This has resulted in significant improvements to waiting times for assessment and major increases in the numbers of people receiving the delivery of equipment.
- 3.7. Appendix 1 shows waiting list information for assessment. Appendix 2 shows waiting list information for adaptations to be carried out by the Housing Department, and the resources that would be required to meet assessed need at different point bands. One of the unintended consequences of improving assessment times has been to create a greater volume of referrals to Housing, whose capacity to meet assessed need is contingent upon resources available to do so.

4. FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Service developments described have been funded from additional monies included in the Social Work budget as a Council service enhancement. Lanarkshire Primary Care Trust have contributed £100,000 towards the building and renovation costs of the Fern Street site.
- 4.2. The joint equipment service is an example of effective partnership working across agencies. The new joint service is overseen by a Project Board, the membership of which is drawn from partner agencies.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. Committee is asked to:
- (i) note the contents of this report.



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APPENDIX 1

**Waiting Lists for Occupational Therapy Assessment
(no's of people)**

AREA TEAM	December 2000	February 2001	May 2001	July 2001	Sept. 2001	Nov. 2001	Apr 2002	June 2002
AIRDRIE	632	615	454	355	125	74	136	158
COATBRIDGE	299	254	354	315	212	0	15	18
CUMBERNAULD & CHRYSTON	352	269	209	141	152	266	90	62
MOTHERWELL	103	94	58	56	66	49	124	60
BELLSHILL	299	195	103	256	229	106	50	56
WISHAW & SHOTTS	240	103	114	96	86	123	48	44
TOTAL	1,925	1,530	1,292	1,219	870	618	463	398

- Waiting lists reduced by (79%) in 18 month period.
- All those waiting for assessment have been screened and are in lowest priority category.
- The national and local increase in referrals of 15-20% per annum means that progress in managing this work is always likely to be uneven.
- The increase in referrals at the same time as achieving a progressive reduction of the waiting list, shows the scale of service improvement.

Appendix 2

ADAPTATIONS EXPENDITURE

Current Position

An assessment of the waiting lists for Adaptations, carried out on June 2002 is summarised in the following tables.

Improvement in carrying out assessments by the Occupational Therapists has increased demand for adaptations.

Division	Budget Provision	Committed Expenditure	Unassigned Budget	Waiting List Value	Variance
North	940,800	325,135	615,665	633,687	-18,222
South	754,000	383,469	370,531	794,788	-424,257
Total	1,694,800	708,604	986,196	1,428,475	-442,479

The table reveals that the waiting list value at £1,428,475

Waiting List Summary

The following table summarises the waiting list of assessed cases awaiting installation of an adaptation as at June 2002. The grouping reflects the range of assessed need.

Points Range	North	South	Total
25 – 30	98,172	13,500	111,672
20 – 24	57,991	52,700	110,691
15 – 19	329,430	477,342	806,772
10 – 14	148,094	251,246	399,340
Total	633,687	794,788	1,428,475

To clear the current waiting list down to cases assessed with 15 points and above would require additional funding of £1,029,135

To clear the waiting list completely at this time would require £1,428,475

Previous Years Expenditure

The following table details the expenditure made on adaptations since 1996.

Year	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
1996/97	300,000	1,149,000	1,449,000
1997/98	1,316,000	111,000	1,427,000
1998/99	1,280,000	50,000	1,330,000
1999/2000	1,735,000	60,000	1,795,000
2000/01	1,514,000	188,000	1,702,000
2001/02	2,036,800	200,000	2,236,800
Total	8,181,800	1,758,000	9,939,800

The table demonstrates the increased resources made available as demand has continued to increase each year.