

Motherwell, 1 October 2002 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, Love, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, McKinlay, J. Martin, M. Murray and Saunders.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Core Services Officer; Head of Social Work Resources; Manager, Planning and Development (Community Care Partnerships), Monitoring and Standards Manager and Development Manager.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

M. Moncrieff and J. Brown, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum and F. Gairns, Lanarkshire NHS Primary Care Trust.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Devine, Lunny, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

MENTAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDER EVENT

1. The Development Manager, Department of Social Work and Project Manager, Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust gave a presentation on the background to types and levels of mental health problems in North Lanarkshire and provided details of the current local and national priorities and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES TENDERING LIST

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 April 2002 when, *inter alia*, (1) approval was given for the arrangements for the review of the Social Care Tendering List and the List of Authorised Services, and (2) the Director of Social Work was authorised to provide further reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee highlighting further changes to the Lists, there was submitted a report dated 9 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work intimating that thirty nine applications for inclusion on the Social Care Tendering List had been received and were being assessed from providers of registered services in North Lanarkshire, providers from the Department's list of authorised services and providers from outwith the authority who were previously on the list.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the review of the Social Care Tendering Lists be noted, and

- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee highlighting further changes to the Social Care Tendering List and the List of Authorised Services.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORT : INDEPENDENT SECTOR NURSING HOMES WITHIN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work (1) detailing the contract monitoring measures applied to independent sector nursing homes within North Lanarkshire, and (2) summarising in appendix 1 to the report the outcome of monitoring of independent sector nursing homes for the period from 1 April to 31 July 2002.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE : CONTRACTS UPDATE REPORT

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 August 2002 when progress in establishing Social Care Contracts in North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 10 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work intimating that a contract had been signed with Carrick Care Homes in relation to Highgate Care Home, Uddingston.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

REVISED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SERVICES RUN BY THE VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL WELFARE (VAMW)

5. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 March 2001 when increases to the maintenance rates for the VAMW projects in Motherwell and Wishaw were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work setting out revised maintenance rates for the nine VAMW projects which provide residential accommodation to people with learning disabilities and supported living services provided by the Potential Living Project (1) intimating that VAMW Homes had opened a new development in Cairns House, Glencairn Street, Motherwell; (2) recommending that the core costs for the Potential Living Project be increased from £164,058 to £200,000 and the hourly rate from £10.02 to £10.65, and (3) proposing that the maintenance rates for the nine projects be revised as detailed below:-

Location	Places	Current Annual Budget	Rate	Places	Proposed Annual Budget	Rate
37 Ailsa House, Motherwell	5	181,756	733.84	5	193,299	782.59
Cairns House, Motherwell	-	-	-	3	103,330	697.23
69 Gavin Street, Motherwell	7	142,764	411.72	7	134,609	389.27
Gavin Street Flats, Motherwell	3	57,546	375.38	3	65,457	428.16
Gavin Street House, Motherwell	9	228,121	511.69	6	208,773	704.36
Gavin Street Extension, Motherwell	7	128,091	369.40	4	113,249	573.12
49 Greenlaw, Wishaw	3	42,958	289.07	3	43,883	296.10
59 Greenlaw, Wishaw	3	42,958	289.07	3	43,883	296.10
Greenlaw House, Wishaw	10	286,062	577.48	10	297,143	601.50

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed maintenance rates as detailed heretofore be approved, and
- (2) that the core cost and hourly rate for the Potential Living Project be increased as detailed within the report.

CONSULTATION - DEVELOPING A JOINT PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR JOINT WORKING

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work advising of the content of the Scottish Executive consultation paper on Developing a Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework for Joint Working and seeking endorsement for the preparation of a joint response involving partner agencies (1) setting out the contents of the consultation paper; (2) proposing that a number of key staff and partner agencies attend a consultation event on the proposed framework in Glasgow on 8 October 2002, and (3) intimating that a joint response would be prepared with partner agencies including South Lanarkshire Council for submission to the Scottish Executive.

Decided: that the Director of Social Work be authorised to prepare and submit a joint response, in consultation with partner agencies, to the Scottish Executive consultation paper on Developing a Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework for Joint Working.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING DISABILITY PRIORITIES 2002

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2002 by the Director of Social Work setting out progress of the main priorities for services to people with a learning disability in North Lanarkshire (1) setting out progress in relation to the Hospital Retraction Programme, Local Area Co-ordination, Self Directed Services, Day Opportunities and Transition Planning for Young People Leaving School; (2) proposing that in order to extend support to the transition planning for young people with disabilities leaving school, the existing part time Resource Worker post be extended to 35 hours at an additional cost of £8,597 per annum; (3) indicating that Dove and Rainbow Associations required additional non-recurring funding of £3,000 each for the development of local day opportunities for business planning, training and support to people with higher needs within services.

Decided:

- (1) that the part time Resource Worker post be extended to 35 hours per week at an additional cost of £8,597 per annum;
- (2) that Dove and Rainbow Associations be each provided with non -recurring funding of £3,000 for the development of local day opportunities for business planning, training and support to people with higher needs, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 September 2002 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.

ABSENCE MONITORING

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) by the Director of Social Work detailing the level of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department from 1 July to 31 August 2002.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2002 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 20 June to 16 August 2002 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.