

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND ACTION ON DEMENTIA FUNDING DEFICIT 2002-03
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 28 AUGUST 2003	Ref: RP/ES	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. To approve funding of deficit for financial year 2002-03 in respect of services provided by Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia, within North Lanarkshire.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Alzheimer Scotland provide a number of services across North Lanarkshire for people with dementia and their carers.
- 2.2. They provide day care for people with dementia, providing respite for carers and also provide respite within the persons own home by means of their home support services.
- 2.3. They provide information to carers, professionals and people with dementia through the distribution of information packs, awareness training talks and publication of a newsletter.
- 2.4. Alzheimer Scotland has had no inflationary increases in funding from North Lanarkshire Council since 1998/99. At that time the organisation had significant reserves and was asked to reduce these by meeting inflationary increases from them.
- 2.5. The organisation's reserves are now reduced to an appropriate level, and continued use of reserves to meet inflationary increases would wipe out their reserves altogether by the end of the current financial year.
- 2.6. The Social Work Department is currently undertaking a full review of services provided by Alzheimer Scotland within North Lanarkshire. This will include a financial review and setting of appropriate budgets. The outcomes of this review will be reported to committee at a later date.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

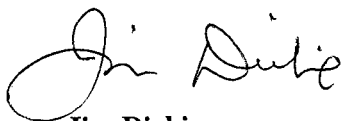
- 3.1. It is proposed that a one off payment of £12,900 should be made to Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia, to fund the organisations' deficit for 2002-03.
- 3.2. The Social Work Department will report the outcomes of the full service review to committee at a later date.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Funding has been accrued to cover the one off payment of £12,900.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Committee is asked to approve the one off payment of £12,900 to Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia.



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