

## **AGENDA**

### **OPERATIONAL**

- (1) Section 10 Grants (pages 1-4)  
Submit report dated 12 September 2003 by Director of Social Work providing further information on an application for Section 10 Funding (copy herewith)
  
- (2) North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers: Update on Use of Funds to Support Carers (pages 5-7)  
Submit report dated 19 September 2003 by Director of Social Work on the use of funds allocated to support carers in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
  
- (3) General Debtors Bad Debt Write-Off (pages 8-10)  
Submit report by Director of Social Work seeking approval to write-off external debt which has been deemed uncollectable (copy herewith)
  
- (4) Modernisation of Children's Homes in North Lanarkshire (pages 11-16)  
Submit report dated 21 October 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking approval of the plan to modernise the provision of care for children and young people who need to be looked after and accommodated in a residential setting in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
  
- (5) Date and Time of Sub-Committee Meetings

### **SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS**

- (6) Scottish Executive Draft Guidance on Community Health Partnerships (pages 17-22)  
Submit report dated 17 September 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking homologation of the Council's response to the Scottish Executive Draft Guidance on Community Health Partnerships (copy herewith)
  
- (7) Equipped for Inclusion: Report of the Strategy Forum: Equipment and Adaptations (pages 23-34)  
Submit report dated 19 September 2003 by Director of Social Work summarising the Scottish Executive Draft Strategy "Equipped for Inclusion": Report of the Strategy Forum: Equipment and Adaptations and seeking approval of the Council's response (copy herewith)
  
- (8) Supporting People Strategic Plan (pages 35-36)  
Submit joint report dated 8 September 2003 by Directors of Housing and Property Services and Social Work seeking approval of the Council's Supporting People Strategic Plan (copy herewith)

- (9) Introduction of a Shopping Service (pages 37-38)  
Submit report dated 30 September 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking approval to introduce a shopping service for users of the Council Home Support Service assessed as requiring such a service (copy herewith)
- (10) Group Conferencing - Tendering Process (pages 39-40)  
Submit report dated 6 October 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking approval to appoint service providers for the provision of group conferencing services in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (11) Remand Fostering Scheme - Restricted Tendering Process (pages 41-42)  
Submit report dated 6 October 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking approval to appoint a service provider for the provision of a Remand Fostering Scheme in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (12) Development of a Handyperson Service in North Lanarkshire (pages 43-44)  
Submit report dated 30 September 2003 by Director of Social Work seeking approval to develop a service providing practical assistance to older people in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (13) Best Value Review: Supported Employment Service (pages 45-48)  
Submit report dated 11 September 2003 by Director of Social Work advising of the outcome and findings of the Best Value Review of Supported Employment Services in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (14) Pilot Protocol for Bail Address Suitability Check (pages 49-52)  
Submit report dated 24 September 2003 by Director of Social Work advising of the development of a Pilot Protocol - Bail Address Suitability Check in North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (15) Social Work Establishment - Renal Unit at Monklands District General Hospital (pages 53-54)  
Submit report dated 7 October 2003 seeking approval for the creation of a part time post of Social Worker in the Renal Unit at Monklands District General Hospital (copy herewith)
- (16) Scottish Social Services Council Consultation - Phase Two - Adult Residential Care Workers (page 55-65)  
Submit report dated 3 October 2003 regarding the Scottish Social Services Council Consultation - Phase Two - Adult Residential Care Workers and seeking approval of the Council's response

**MONITORING**

- (17) Revenue Budget Monitoring Reports
- (a) Financial Monitoring Report for the Social Work Department - 1 April to 12 September 2003 (pages 66-69)  
Submit report dated 9 October 2003 by Director of Social Work providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 12 September 2003 for the Social Work Department against the estimated expenditure and income (copy herewith)
  - (b) Financial Monitoring Report for Sheltered Employment - 1 April to 12 September 2003 (pages 70-71)  
Submit report dated 9 October 2003 by Director of Social Work providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 12 September 2003 for sheltered employment against estimated expenditure and income (copy herewith)
- (18) Composite Capital Programme 2003/2004 - Monitoring Report - 1 April to 12 September 2003 (pages 72-74)  
Submit report dated 6 October 2003 by Director of Social Work providing a summary of progress being made in individual projects contained within the Capital Programme for 2003/2004 (copy herewith)

**MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP - PROGRESS REPORTS**

- (19) The Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities - Progress Report (pages 75-76)  
Submit report dated 17 September 2003 by Director of Social Work regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the day opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities Member/Officer Working Group (copy herewith)
- (20) Equipment and Adaptations - Implementation - Progress Report (pages 77-79)  
Submit report dated 1 August 2003 by Director of Social Work regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the "Joint Equipment and Adaptations" Member/Officer Working Group (copy herewith)

**INFORMATION/CONFERENCES**

- (21) Childcare Strategy and Sure Start Posts (pages 80-86)  
Referred from the meeting of the Education Committee held on 3 September 2003  
Submit report dated 19 August 2003 by Director of Education seeking approval to make permanent a number of temporary posts associated with the distribution of Funding for the Childcare Strategy and Sure Start and to extend the SVQ Development Social Worker Post and certain Sure Start funded posts till March 2006 (copy herewith)
- (22) Conferences (pages 87-88)  
Submit report dated 3 October 2003 by Director of Administration advising of invitations received to attend conferences (copy herewith)

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: GROUP CONFERENCING – RESTRICTED TENDERING PROCESS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 30 OCTOBER 2003	Ref: DM/AB	

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the appointment of SACRO to provide a group conferencing service as part of tackling the Youth Crime agenda in North Lanarkshire.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. As part of a range of services designed to address offending behaviour in young people, the Council was awarded Scottish Executive funding to develop a group conferencing scheme. This is a means of bringing together key people in the young person's life, including, where appropriate, the victim of his/her crime. It is a model used successfully elsewhere in the world. Social Work Committee gave approval for a restricted tendering process for this service development from organisations with sufficient experience and expertise in this field.

## 3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. Expressions of interest were sought from four organisations deemed to meet the required criteria, two of whom – (SACRO and Barnardo's) – tendered to provide the service.
- 3.2. Both organisations underwent a selection process the outcome of which is a recommendation to award the contract to SACRO.
- 3.3. As the value of the contract was fixed price was not the main determinant in the selection process. The criteria adopted related to issues such as: previous experience of delivering the service; flexibility and responsiveness; management arrangements; supervision and support; capacity to deal with contingencies; performance management; values and inclusiveness of approach.
- 3.4. SACRO scored higher in the assessment. The organisation already provide group conferencing in other parts of Scotland and have well developed training and support arrangements. They currently provide a small mediation and reparation scheme in North Lanarkshire and their proposals for group conferencing fit well with the existing service.

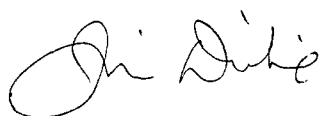
#### **4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. Funding of £143, 000 over a three year period, for group conferencing has been awarded by the Scottish Executive for this service.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1. Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve selection of SACRO to provide a group conferencing service; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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**6 October 2003**

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