

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 15

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK	
Date: 15 JANUARY 2004	Ref: JD/GMcI/RSS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to Committee on current applications for Section 10 funding.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. The criteria applied to funding new applications have been previously endorsed by Committee and are detailed below:-

- **Performance/Quality, Value for Money:** consideration of quality services which represent good value for the Section 10 monies provided to the organisations concerned.
- **Direct Services:** recognising the need to support voluntary organisations who provide direct services to individuals and care groups which would otherwise require the Social Work Department to provide substitute services.
- **Provision of Local Services:** continued support to local organisations who provide worthwhile local services which benefit individuals and local communities.
- **Continuity:** providing ongoing support to organisations which are currently funded through Section 10.
- **Scope for Growth:** recognising the opportunities for creating new and meaningful provisions for the citizens of North Lanarkshire in the field of social welfare.
- **Overall Funds:** taking account of the total money which is available to the Social Work Department for Section 10 funding.

2.2 Two applications have been received from St. Patrick's Furniture Project and North Lanarkshire Disability Forum.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. An application from St. Patrick's Furniture Project has been received for capital and revenue funding of £37,490. The project, which is based in Shotts also covers Harthill, Allanton and the surrounding rural area is a local anti-poverty initiative providing recycled furniture and white goods. Safety checks on the white goods are carried out by a volunteer who is a retired electrical engineer. Over the past 9 months the project has assisted 904 individuals and families. The project has been in operation for nine years and is now seeking a replacement vehicle and revenue costs for new premises.

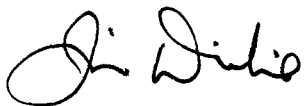
3.2 North Lanarkshire Disability Forum, which is an existing Section 10 grant holder , has requested additional funding of £9,772 of which £2,653 is to meet the cost of minor adaptatons, improvements and decoration for the organisation's new premises, £1,243 for training and organisational assistance for the organisations management committee and £5,876 to meet a shortfall in revenue costs.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The Departmental budget for Section 10 grants for the period 2003/4 is £416,112. The remaining balance is £56,009. Should the Committee agree to fund the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1 to a value of £22,653 (St. Patrick's Furniture Project Shotts £20,000 and North Lanarkshire Disability Forum £9,772) this will leave a balance of £26,147.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is requested to agree to the recommendations for the provision of Section 10 funding for St. Patrick's Furniture Project Shotts and North Lanarkshire Disability Forum as outlined in Appendix 1.



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SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Project	Purpose of Grant Requested	Assessment and Recommendation
St. Patrick's Furniture Project Shotts – providing recycling of furniture and white goods in the Shotts and surrounding area.	(£37,490) – To fully meet the cost of purchasing a new vehicle for the project and to meet running costs of project.	The organisation provides a much needed resource in a rural area which does not have ready access to similar recycling projects. <i>As the organisation has yet to identify new premises it is not able to estimate its actual running costs. It is therefore recommended that the committee only consider at this stage funding the vehicle. It is recommended that the group be awarded a capital grant of £20,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle.</i>
North Lanarkshire Disability Forum – providing advocacy and advice to people with disabilities	(£9,772) – To fund minor adaptation, improvements and redecoration of new premises, additional revenue expenditure and training costs which will allow the management committee to look at the development and direction of the organisation.	The organisation provides a resource which compliments Social Work Department provision. The recent move to new premises has incurred additional revenue and capital expenses this year. <i>It is recommended that this organisation be provided with additional Section 10 Funding of £9,772</i>