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| To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE | | Subject: REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE RATE – QUARRIERS, McGREGOR ROAD, CUMBERNAULD |
| From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK | | |
| Date: 11 MARCH 2004 | Ref: RP/LS | |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for an increase in maintenance rate to be applied in the project operated by Quarriers Homes within McGregor Road, Cumbernauld.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Managed by Quarriers, a national voluntary organisation, the project is registered to provide care and support for adults with learning disabilities.
- 2.2. The service at McGregor Road was previously registered to support 7 people, however, following a resident moving to a home of their own, the number of places has been reduced to 6.
- 2.3. Discussions have taken place between representatives from Quarriers and officers from the Social work Department to undertake this financial review.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. There are 80 people with learning disability living in independent sector residential care within North Lanarkshire. This is a reduction over the past 6 years of 74 registered residential care home places. The reduction has been achieved by working to modernise and remodel services, creating the opportunity for people with significant levels of disability to live in their own home.
- 3.2. Quarriers are fully committed to working with the Council to move to a supported living model which promotes choice and control for the people currently living in residential care. This model will ensure that each person lives in their own home with entirely individualised packages that are not contingent on the services being delivered to a group of people.
- 3.3. The proposals within this paper assume a reduction in residential service to move completely to a supported living model. Working in partnership, officers of the Council and representatives from Quarriers will ensure timescales and progress to change is managed to offer maximum choice for individuals and balances the resources required within the overall running costs of McGregor Road, which may involve the payment of voids in the short term.
- 3.4. During the review of the maintenance rate for McGregor Road in light of the above, Officers from Social Work and Quarriers looked in detail at the budget in place for 7 clients for the financial year 2002/03. Consideration was then given as to which budget lines would be affected by the reduction of one client.

- 3.5. It was concluded that the provisions, cleaning and miscellaneous budgets could be reduced as these were directly proportional to the number of service users.
- 3.6. The level of employees was also considered for reduction, however, as it was only a reduction of one service user this did not have an impact on the level of staff required.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. In reshaping the revenue funding framework of this project as outlines above this would result in the following rates at 2002/03 price base:

| | Places | Rate |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Current Position | 7 | £569.20 |
| Proposed Position | 6 | £659.52 |

- 4.2. To bring these amounts to 2003/04 price base the following rates would become effective from April 2003:

| | Places | Rate |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Position from April 2002 | 6 | £659.52 |
| Position from April 2003 | 6 | £682.55 |

- 4.3. The increased costs associated with implementing these new rates would be met from existing Social Work resources

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the rates as detailed in 4.2 to be effective from 1 April 2003.



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