

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LEAVE	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 20 MAY 2004	Ref:	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Committee to allow a member of the staff of the Social Work Department to have a period of unpaid leave.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The member of staff is an experienced Social Worker and is a valued member of the Social Work Department. She wishes to work with North Lanarkshire Council on her return.
- 2.2 She requests that she be allowed to take a period of up to 2 months Special Leave, unpaid, effective October 2004, to enable her to attend a court hearing in Philadelphia. She is participating in a class action against an American company, and requires this time to attend the relevant court hearing.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS


- 3.1 The Social Work Department supports the member of staff in this proposal.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the request for Special Leave, unpaid, be approved.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial or legal implications. As noted above, support for this measure will ensure retention of the worker concerned.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Committee is asked to approve the request for Special Leave.
- 5.2 Remit to Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub Committee for consideration.


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 5 March 2004

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