

Motherwell, 15 September 2004 at 10 am.

A Special Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener; Councillor Sullivan, Vice-Convener; Councillors Burrows, S. Coyle, Devine, Fagan, Gemmell, Gordon, Gorman, Gormill, Homer, Irvine, Lunny, Lyle, McCulloch, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McLaughlin, J. Martin, M. Murray, Ross, Saunders, Selfridge and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources and Head of Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, M. Clark, McCabe, McCallum and Nolan.

A HOME FOR THE FUTURE: NEXT STEPS

1. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 20 May 2004 when, inter alia, the potential impact of the national standards on the Council's 10 Residential Care Homes was noted and the Director of Social Work was authorised to submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on the future plans for the Council's provision of Residential Care, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 September 2004 seeking approval to implement further changes to the Council's Residential Care Home Provision for Older People (1) outlining the background to the review of the Council's 10 residential care homes; (2) intimating that the main factors which influenced the review were the introduction of national standards, the national policy of shifting the balance of care away from institutional provision to care at home, changes in care home sector and the development of very sheltered housing; (3) outlining the background to the Council's current provision of residential care for older people; (4) indicating that Chilterns Home, Chryston and Herbison House, Shotts would meet the national standards in 2007; (5) recommending that in order to meet national standards, the capacities at Monklands Home, Plains and Muirpark Home, Viewpark be reduced from 36 to 30; (6) providing details of the work required and the estimated cost to ensure that Lochview House, Coatbridge and Meadowside House, Airdrie were brought up to future national care standards; (7) proposing that admission to Lochview, Coatbridge and Meadowside House, Airdrie cease with a view to closing both Homes; (8) advising that high quality alternative accommodation existed in the Coatbridge area as a result of a care home development which will create 100 new care home places, and (9) setting out the personnel implications of the closure of the residential units for older people at Lochview, Coatbridge and Meadowside House, Airdrie.

Councillor H. McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Sullivan, moved that:-

- (1) that it be noted that Chilterns Home, Chryston and Herbison House, Shotts will meet national standards by 2007 and approval be given to retain both homes as residential care homes;
- (2) that authorisation be given to reduce the capacity of Monklands Home, Plains and Muirpark Home, Viewpark from 36 to 30 places;

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- (3) that approval be given to cease admission to and subsequently close Lochview Home, Coatbridge and Meadowside House, Airdrie;
- (4) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on the outstanding issues identified within the report;
- (5) that the Committee for its interest approve the personnel implications contained with the report, and
- (6) that the report be remitted to Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

Councillor Lyle, seconded by Councillor Homer, moved as an amendment, continuation of the report for further consultation.

On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 19 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided:

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- (3) that approval be given to cease admission to and subsequently close Lochview Home, Coatbridge and Meadowside House, Airdrie;
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- (6) that the report be remitted to Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.